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'Show me the money—now!'

No new money invested by Neo Gold Wings, Flame Sako

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Two Korean investors, Neo Gold Wings Paradise and Flame Sako, have yet to make good on their promise to bring in millions in fresh investments to the CNMI, prompting the Department of Public Lands to warn that their land leases will be revoked by Dec. 31, 2009.

DelRosario

Flame Sako and Neo Gold Wings, both Korean investors, had asked DPL for extensions on their lease in order to secure—through additional negotiations—the final financial commitment from investors or financing institutions, or both.

Neo Gold Wings Paradise wants to build a $1 billion casino hotel and resort on Tinian,

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Tinian eyes $1M loan for retro pay, debt to Dynasty

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The Tinian Legislative Delegation passed on Monday a local bill that will pave the way for the island mayor to borrow up to $1 million from the Marianas Public Lands Trust to pay for the retroactive salaries of municipal employ-

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Search ends for Jim Bell

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Bell

The third and final day of search and rescue operations ended at 6pm yesterday with no sighting of the 72-year-old swimmer, Jim Bell.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial did not receive any request to extend the

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Youth Congress poll turnout at 63 pct.

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Monday's 12th Youth Congress elections enjoyed a turnout of 63 percent, a 26-percent jump compared last year's elections.

According to the Legislative Bureau, 1,542 of the of 2,463

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CULTURAL WEEK HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

San Antonio Elementary School teacher Rita Carreon presents her kindergarten students in traditional and national costumes representing different countries during the second day of the Cultural Spirit Week celebration yesterday. ***See story on Page 6.***

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Crewmembers from the USS Ingraham, which arrived on Saipan last weekend for some R&R, donated their time by volunteering at the Northern Marianas College. The crew participated in painting, tree trimming, general cleanup, pathway maintenance, and other work. The activity is part of the U.S. Navy's community outreach efforts.

NMC

Kara: 'Umbrella permits' are beneficial

Labor to start releasing 2-year permits on Monday

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The two-year "umbrella permits" that will be issued to alien workers are good for the Commonwealth because it will stabilize the workforce, according to CNMI Bar Association president Maya Kara yesterday.

Speaking as a private attorney, Kara also believes the CNMI government's policy to give "umbrella permits" to alien workers is constitutional.

As this developed, the Department of Labor said it will begin releasing the transitional conditional permits (umbrella permits) on Monday, Oct. 26. The release of the permits will be done in alphabetical order.

In an interview, Kara said the Bar Association does not have an official position on the "umbrella permits" so she is only expressing her opinion as a private lawyer.

"I think that it allows workers, especially those in pending status and transfer or applying for transfer status, a two-year umbrella within which to regularize their employment. When federal officials come in on Nov. 28 and the [workers] have no status, they are deportable. This [permit] gives them status," Kara said.

The "umbrella permit," she said, does not give workers an employer and they still need to find an employer. However, this will at least give them time "to get their feet on the ground."

The Bar president said she believes the new policy is beneficial to the businesses as well in so far as it stabilizes the workforce.

She said the policy is also beneficial to smaller businesses for whom a two-year extension may have been burdensome.

"This allows the worker to work out the terms of their contract provided they extend beyond Nov. 28 and then the employer can simply renew for another year or until at least the expiration of the two years," she said.

The lawyer said the policy gives stability to those employees who are in some kind of pending status.

As to its legality, Kara said it is constitutional as it is a labor matter and not an exit and entry issue.

"As you know, the Commonwealth loses all of its immigration authority come Nov. 28. But it does not necessarily lose its labor authority," she said.

Kara said it's not really clear at this point how much of the Commonwealth's labor functions will the federal government take over.

Once the CNMI-only transitional worker program is established, the Commonwealth will know lot more about it, she said.

"But we have been telling workers that they're going to have this federal program to transition into. Up to this day, we don't know what it's going to look like. It's kind of scary to advise your clients to say you got this wonderful parachute when we don't know what kind of parachute it's going to be," Kara said.

She said this two-year umbrella program comes at a time when the federalization process is still uncertain.

"I'm sure there will be one but as to when it is going to be established and what the terms and conditions are going to be and who it's going to apply, to who is going to fit in, who is not going to fit in, we just don't know," Kara added.

Labor had assured that the "umbrella permits" will have no adverse effect on employment opportunities for locals or U.S. citizens in the CNMI.

Labor said it would be releasing the first batch of "umbrellla permits" from Oct. 26 to Nov. 5.

Labor said workers with current valid work permits can pick up the permits at the old Halinas Kitchen Restaurant of Afetna Square Building in San Antonio.

Labor said the second batch of workers are for those with expired work permits or whose applications are pending. The department will announce the schedule of the release soon.

2nd suspect in Rota armed robbery submits guilty plea

The second suspect in the two armed robbery cases at a poker arcade on Rota pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court.

Angel Barcinas Manglona pleaded guilty to Hobbs Act robbery.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David A. Wiseman accepted Manglona's guilty plea and set the sentencing for Jan. 26, 2010.

Under the plea agreement, the sentencing guideline range is 46 to 57 months in prison.

The defendant also agreed to pay restitution to the Rota Poker owner.

In the robbery that occurred on Aug. 4, 2008, Manglona's co-conspirator Wilbur Vic Masga Inos took cash from Rota Poker in the amount of $3,475.75.

Manglona was indicted with conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery, and Hobbs Act robbery.

According to the indictment, on July 15, 2008 through Aug. 4, 2008, Manglona and Inos agreed to rob the Rota Poker in Songsong Village.

On July 15, 2008, Manglona allegedly supplied Inos with a Colt .223 caliber rifle. The defendant then drove Inos to the Rota Poker for the purpose of robbing the establishment.

Manglona waited outside the Rota Poker to help Inos get away from the crime scene.

On Aug. 4, 2008, Manglona again drove Inos to the Rota Poker for the purpose of robbing the establishment.

Inos then entered the establishment armed with a loaded Colt rifle belonging to Manglona.

Inos already pleaded guilty to one count of use of a firearm in the commission of a violent crime. He was subsequently sentenced to seven years in prison. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Tim's, Santos couple's motion for release denied

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI denied yesterday the renewed motion for release pending their appeal filed by former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez, James A. Santos, and Joaquina V. Santos.

Chief Judge Alex R. Munson said that, having thoroughly investigated the law and facts, he finds there is not a "substantial question of law or fact" on appeal.

Munson said he adopts and incorporates the analysis and findings in his order denying the defendants' motion for a new trial.

Villagomez and the Santos couple re-filed their motion for release following the Ninth Circuit's decision on Sept. 18, 2009, denying their motion for bail pending appeal.

The Ninth Circuit denied the defendants' motion because Munson has not yet issued a final order on the release issue.

The defendants cited two issues on appeal that, according to them, present fairly debatable questions of law or fact that will result in a reversal or an order for a new trial.

The issues are whether the jurors in this case were biased and whether the court erred when it did not conduct an evidentiary hearing regarding the alleged biases.

In denying the motion, Munson said he considered both issues in depth when he entertained the motion for a new trial.

The judge said he found that the defendants failed to fulfill their burden of proof to show either actual or implied bias among any of the seven or more allegedly biased jurors.

He said the defendants also failed to show that there was any credible support for the alleged dishonesty of the allegedly biased jurors to support an evidentiary hearing.

Last August 14, Villagomez withdrew his motion for release pending appeal and instead filed an appeal with the Ninth Circuit.

Villagomez and the Santos couple are now in prison in the U.S. mainland to serve their sentences for their participation in the Rydlyme corruption scandal.

Fund asks lawmakers not to suspend earmarked funds

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The NMI Retirement Fund is urging lawmakers to reconsider a decision to put language in the 2010 budget bill that suspends funds earmarked for the agency.

A provision in the bill adopted by the House of Representatives states that, except to pay for debts and other earmarking of funds, the commitment and allocation of funds is suspended for Fiscal Year 2010, including all funds that are supposed to go to the Fund.

"The Fund is in need of these appropriations in order to avoid drawing down on investment to meet pension payments. The stabilizing stock market has almost reversed all the Fund's 2008 losses; however, drawdowns continue to pose an unnecessary risk to the Fund's fiscal stability," the Fund trustees told the Senate leadership in its comment on the budget legislation.

In FY 2008, the Fund withdrew $43 million from its overseas investment to pay for the pensions of members.

Senate President Pete Reyes told Saipan Tribune yesterday that he supports allowing the Fund to get the money allocated to it.

"Since this is an earmarked account for the Retirement Fund, I would ask the members to carefully look at this issue and see how we can assist without jeopardizing the Fund," Reyes said, noting the Fund's over $231 million that remains collectible from the Executive Branch.

In the event the request is not granted, Reyes assured that lawmakers will explore other ways on how the Fund could stay afloat.

The Senate's Fiscal Affairs Committee chair, Sen. Maria Frica Pangelinan, declined to comment on the Fund's request yesterday.

The Fund also asked that a specific date be set for the remittance of the hotel occupancy tax and alcohol beverage container tax, which it wants to be made no later than 14 days after receipt by the Department of Finance.

The agency also asked lawmakers to set a 14-day deadline for payments received to cover indirect costs of administering federal grants.

Because the Fund handles the Group Health and Life Insurance program, it is necessary to allocate a salary of $35,000 for one staffer and an operational budget of $10,000 for the fiscal year.

Instead of creating a supplemental retirement fund account—a special account earmarked to make up for the difference between 16 percent and 11 percent in the employer's contribution for government employees—the board wants the difference to be remitted to the Fund immediately.

The agency wants the Finance secretary to immediately deposit it to the Fund the appropriated amount of $3.5 million to be used exclusively for the payment of the difference between the retirement contribution rate of 16 percent and 11 percent for all government employees.

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while Flame Sako plans an $80 million hotel on Saipan.

DPL Secretary John S. DelRosario said the department granted both requests with the firm message that when nothing pans out by way of demonstrating fund deposits at banks in the CNMI, "revocation of the lease automatically occurs on 31st of December."

"The time frame given to the two projects was granted in view of the difficulty of shoring up investment funds for these ambitious plans," DelRosario said in an Oct. 15 letter to Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (R-Saipan).

Tebuteb, chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources, earlier asked DelRosario for an update on the status of Flame Sako and Neo Gold Wings Paradise's land leases and proposed investments in the CNMI.

Extremely concerned

Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday she continues to be "extremely concerned about the CNMI's practice of approving major commercial leases of public lands to companies that are unable to show proof of financing for their proposed developments.

"It had been for that reason, among others, that I had voted against the lease agreements with both Flame Sako and NGP," she said.

DelRosario said Flame Sako principals have conveyed the message that the initial funds of $2 million should be in a local bank on Oct. 22.

"We will verify this matter to ascertain that it is fulfilled," he told Tebuteb.

Flame Sako held a groundbreaking ceremony for its $60 million to $80 million hotel in Marpi on March 6 this year. The hotel is expected to rise north of The Palms Resort, and just beside Pau Pau Beach in San Roque, and the proposed development involves 109,000 square meters of public lands.

DelRosario also said that Neo Gold Wings Paradise hopes to make a down payment in mid-October for the survey of the Pina Area, environmental and archaeological studies, or assessments.

Neo Gold Wings Paradise's proposed development is on 3 million square meters of public lands on Tinian.

Under review

The DPL secretary said the department is also reviewing the lease agreement with Marianas Resort Development Corp. to find out what is causing the delay in the project.

MRDC had planned to build a $300 million Matua Bay Resort and casino on Tinian on 1.36 million square meters of public lands.

Sablan said it is unclear to her what legal authority DPL has to even grant such extensions for the investors "particularly when the lease agreements themselves stipulate that leases shall automatically terminate upon failure to provide proof of financing by the specified deadlines."

She said the deadline for Flame Sako was April 30, 2009; for Neo Gold Wings, today.

She also said that no information has been provided yet about the status of MRDC's financing plan, which had been required within six months (by November 2007) from the start of the lease agreement, with an "absolute deadline" of Aug. 1, 2009, for phase 2 of the project (golf course construction), to which both DPL and MRDC had agreed according to the joint committee report.

Sablan said MRDC—like Flame Sako and Neo Gold Wings—did not provide proof of financing for the proposed development when the lease agreement was approved, and questions had been raised about the company's business plan.

Generous terms

The inclusion of the automatic termination clause in the lease agreement, according to the joint committee reviewing the MRDC proposal, was to "ensure that the subject public land would not sit idle for 25 years should MRDC fail to secure adequate financing for its projects," she said.

Sablan said the generous terms of the lease agreements, and the considerable leniency that DPL has shown toward companies that have failed to comply with these generous terms, should raise questions about the due diligence and fiduciary responsibility being exercised by DPL and the Legislature in approving these leases in the first place — and then in DPL's enforcement of the leases once approved.

"It is time that the CNMI take a much broader look, as well, at the practice in general of leasing public lands for commercial purposes, and moreover, at the continuing lack of an updated public land use plan for the CNMI. A comprehensive land use plan with respect to public lands, including priority of uses, is required under the constitution, and by law," she added.

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search to today, Wednesday.

"We searched Aguiguan and [saw] nothing at all," Tinian Department of Public Safety director Jose King told *Saipan Tribune*.

King, however, asked Tinian Mayor Jose P. San Nicolas to allow the island's Boating Safety Unit to check out different places today, Wednesday, and on Thursday.

King said yesterday they continued to sweep the area of Bell's route plan and where he jumped out to sea.

"We covered up to the west side of Tinian. Saipan Boating Safety Unit covered the east side, while the Saipan Commonwealth Ports Authority boat was on the west side," the director said.

Six rescue boats participated in the operation, with the Division of Fish and Wildlife boat joining in yesterday. Only one jet ski was used as the other was down.

The U.S. Coast Guard's helicopter resumed its aerial search yesterday at 6am and called it off at 12:25pm.

Just like Monday's operation, there were over 50 local responders that joined the search, not including Coast Guard officers.

The Coast Guard had reportedly already notified Bell's daughter, who is in the U.S. mainland, about the incident.

Bell jumped off near Suicide Cliff on Tinian between 11am to 12pm on Saturday. His goal was to swim around the corner of the island and surface at Kammer Beach later that day at 4pm.

Bell did not show up, prompting authorities to conduct an aerial, land, and sea search and rescue operation beginning Sunday at noon.

Attorney Janet King managed to take photos of Bell's jump from the cliff line.

In October 2008, Bell was also reported missing. After 15 hours of search, he was found still swimming toward Tinian after being swept out to the open ocean.

YOUTH

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registered youth voters this year cast their votes Monday.

Youth Congress data showed that the bulk of voters came from the 11 school precincts, which recorded 1,208 actual voters, while 334 voters came from the seven precinct levels.

Marianas High School recorded the most voters, with 628 of the 768 registered students casting their votes.

Although it had 654 registered voters, only 262 showed up to vote at Saipan Southern High School. In Kagman High School, only 40 voted despite the school having 206 registered voters.

In Rota High School, eight showed up out of the 20 registered voters; and 47 out of 119 voters cast their votes in Tinian High School.

Among private schools, Grace Christian Academy posted the highest turnout, with all 44 registered students voting on Monday, along with Saipan International School where all 13 registered students voted on campus.

Of the 33 registered students at Marianas Baptist Academy, 27 showed up; and 53 of the 80 registered students voted at Mount Carmel School.

At Northern Marianas Academy, 19 out of the 24 that registered for the election voted.

At Northern Marianas College, 67 of the 105 registered students participated this year.

At the precinct level, 60 of 73 registered voters were counted in Precinct I; 17 of 23 in Precinct II; 66 out of 80 in Precinct III; 33 of 37 youths in Precinct IV; 53 of the 55 registered voters cast ballots in Precinct V; 46 out of 63 in Precinct VI; and 59 out of 66 who registered showed up and cast votes in Precinct VII.

According to Youth Congress coordinator Roslyn Leon Guerrero, they are satisfied with the outcome.

"I have to say that I am surprised and happy with the outcome. I hope that the youth continue to 'make it count' as they 'rock their vote,'" she told Saipan Tribune.

This year, the Youth Congress used a new database for the efficient processing and conduct of the election. The new system provides updated data and information about youths and candidates as well as statistics during previous years' YC leadership.

This was also the first time that the date of Youth Congress election was changed to Oct. 19 and the inauguration date moved to Nov. 21, as required by a new law.

TINIAN

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ees amounting to $520,913.84 and $479,086.160 for two other programs, officials interviewed yesterday disclosed.

The delegation passed a similar Tinian Local Bill 16-2 on Thursday, but recalled it on Monday and passed Tinian Local Bill 16-3 instead.

The difference between the two? The first one specified the amount to be borrowed from MPLT as "not to exceed" $1 million; the second one, TLB 16-3, strikes out the specific amount.

Sen. Joseph Mendiola (Cov-Tinian), who is the chairman of the delegation, said yesterday in a phone interview that they may again recall TLB 16-3 to make some technical corrections but he said the plan remains the same: to provide a mechanism for the Tinian mayor to be able to request for a loan of up to $1 million.

But Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider(R-Tinian), who is the only one of four delegation members who is opposed to the bill, asked Gov. Benigno R. Fitial not to approve the bill, mainly because it was passed "without public hearing."

"MPLT has not yet even considered the possibility of such a loan," Hofschneider said.

He said a mechanism for paying the 14 percent retroactive pay raise pursuant to Public Law 7-31 was specified in the 2006 Tinian Municipal Budget Act.

"The mayor ignored the budget act and spent these funds elsewhere. The mayor has already accumulated a deficit for Tinian by not properly paying Retirement Fund contributions for local employees. This bill will only exacerbate the deficit problem," Hofschneider told Fitial.

Hofschneider also wrote to Mendiola, detailing his opposition to the local bill.

"I simply cannot agree to a general appropriation for 'municipal projects and activities' without a showing of specific purposes," he told Mendiola.

In his letters to both Fitial and Mendiola, Hofschneider said he is willing to work with the rest of the delegation and the administration on a budget act that will resolve the mayor's problems and serve the interest of the Tinian people.

Mendiola said the bill will serve the interest of the people of Tinian and the CNMI.

Press secretary Charles Reyes, when asked for comment, said the "governor will, of course, consider all valid concerns from Tinian leaders and the people of Tinian, and continue to work to help Tinian."

"As a matter of protocol, of course, the governor places great weight on the recommendations and concerns of the Tinian mayor and the Tinian Legislative Delegation, but he is also willing to consider the concerns of other Tinian residents. We will review the letter and respond," he said.

'Clearing our books'

Bill Cing, chief executive officer of Tinian Mayor Jose P. San Nicolas, said the proposed loan will go toward paying the retroactive salary of municipal employees and to pay $201,729.96 in debt to the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino for expenses incurred during the 60th anniversary commemoration for the Battle of Tinian in 2004.

He said another $277,356.20 will be used to fund the scholarship of "at least 70 students per semester for the next two years."

These payments for municipal programs and activities total exactly $1 million.

"We're trying to clear our books," Cing told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview.

He said the retroactive salary adjustment should have been paid long time ago "during the time of former Mayor Francisco M. Borja, and it was a CNMI debt, not a Tinian municipality debt but now we have to pay for it."

"Also, it was the CNMI government and not the Tinian municipality that incurred the debt to Dynasty for the 60th commemoration but we're the ones to pay for it now. These were during the time of the Republican administration, under former Gov. Juan Babauta," he added.

Cing said the $1 million proposed loan from MPLT has nothing to do with the recent emergency declaration for Tinian to be able to reprogram funds for the repair of the outer seawall and piers.

Phillip Mendiola-Long, the new MPLT chair, said that MPLT has not received an official loan application letter or a copy of the bill.

"Until we receive a formal application letter and other required documents, we wouldn't be able to decide whether to approve a loan or not. No negotiations have taken place. MPLT will make sure it fulfills its fiduciary duty in everything it does," Mendiola-Long said in a phone interview.

Passed, recalled, passed

On Thursday, the Tinian Legislative Delegation passed TLB 16-02, which authorizes Tinian and Aguingan, through its mayor, "to borrow up to an amount not to exceed $1 [million] from the Marianas Public Land Trust."

The local bill, introduced by Rep. Edwin Aldan (Cov-Tinan), said the loan will pay "for municipal projects and activities in amounts as shall be specified by resolution of the Tinian and Aguingan Legislative Delegation."

Only three of the four members of the delegation voted "yes" on the bill—Mendiola, vice chair Sen. Henry H. San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian), and Aldan. Hofschneider voted "no."

Mendiola said yesterday that when the delegation met again on Monday, Hofschneider was not present to vote on the second bill.

Hofschneider, when asked for comment, said he was informed of the session only an hour before the session, making it impossible for him to attend since he said he was on Saipan that time.

MPLT trust account

TLB 16-3 intends to establish an MPLT Loan Trust Account separate from any account of the Tinian municipality. Casino revenue and other municipal revenues shall be deposited into it as security each month for the monthly debt service and interest payments to MPLT.

Under the local bill, the Tinian mayor will be the expenditure authority for this appropriation.

"The appropriated funds shall be non-lapsing [not subject to fiscal year limitation] and shall not be reprogrammed," it said.

The local bill also authorizes the municipal treasurer to reserve and transfer funds from all municipal revenue derived from casino gaming taxes and fees to meet the municipality's obligation to MPLT.

The first bill passed but later recalled called for a loan repayment account. It said 10 percent or $15,000, whichever is greater, of the payment received each month from Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino would be deposited into the Municipality of Tinian and Aguingan Loan Repayment Account.

But Hofschneider, in his letter to Mendiola, questioned how the Tinian mayor can ask for a loan against future casino revenues when he is opposing the full development of the casino industry.

He's referring to the mayor's reported desire to reprogram the Tinian instrument landing system funds for harbor development.

Tinian Mayor Jose P. San Nicolas could not be reached for comment, but his chief executive officer, Bill Cing, answered some of the media questions on behalf of the mayor.

Parent complains vs lack of SpEd specialists at PSS

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Allan Vila, the father of a special student at Oleai Elementary School, filed a complaint against the Public School System on Friday for failing to provide services to his daughter.

Received and stamped by the office of Commissioner of Education Dr. Rita A. Sablan, the complaint form filled up by Vila identified violations of certain federal statutes or requirements.

The complaint, which also called for an investigation, stated that the lack of services for his daughter—normally provided by an occupational therapist—violates the Individualized Educational Program, EIP, agreement signed by both parties in December 2008.

Vila indicated that PSS never had a report or logbook where related services were executed or provided to his daughter. He said the service of a speech language pathologist was also never provided to his daughter.

According to the complaint management form, the special education program will determine if an investigation is necessary. Once that determination is made, a notice of resolution will be given within 10 days.

Saipan Tribune tried several times to obtain comments from Sablan, but she has yet to issue a statement at press time. A call to the special education coordinator was also not returned yesterday.

Villa's 8-year-old daughter has pervasive developmental disorder and constantly needs the service of qualified experts in the field. However, due to lack of specialists such as a neurologist and speech pathologists, the development and progress of his child have been affected, Vila said.

He said his family was forced to send their daughter to a Philippine hospital last year just to make sure that she could avail of the services of a pediatric neurologist and a general doctor. The trip costs his family about $6,000. Next year, the third grade special student is scheduled again for another check up.

Prior to filing the complaint with the commissioner's office, Vila had approached the Oleai school, which referred the matter to the commissioner.

Vila is also worried about the capability of some teacher aides and assistants who lack the qualification to handle the needs of special students like his daughter.

He believes that, by not having enough specialists for special education kids, PSS is not adhering to the mandates of the No Child Left Behind Act.

PSS is finding it difficult to hire qualified personnel for special education. Positions for needed specialists are considered hard-to-fill up to this time.

To attract qualified individuals, the Board of Education has adopted a pay differential for special education employees.

Man, 60, arrested for allegedly beating up his daughter-in-law

A 60-year-old man was arrested for allegedly beating up his daughter-in-law on Tinian last week.

Jesus P. San Nicolas, 60, was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. He was taken to the Saipan Superior Court yesterday morning for a bail hearing.

Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo imposed a $2,000 cash bail plus $18,000 unsecured bond for the defendant's temporary release.

Police served San Nicolas with the arrest warrant Friday night at South Carolinas, Tinian. He is the brother of Tinian Mayor Jose P. San Nicolas.

In her report, Detective Barbara K. Arend stated that she received a report last Wednesday that Tina Atalig was beaten up by San Nicolas and her brother-in-law, Jay San Nicolas, on Oct. 11.

The victim sustained swelling on the left cheek and two scratch marks on the left arm. She also had three small lacerations on her right thumb. During her interview with Atalig last Wednesday, Arend saw the victim's left eye was still swollen. The victim complained of numbness on the thumb and pain in the lower rib area and scalp. She also had blurred vision on the left eye.

The victim said that in the early morning of Oct. 11 she went to the apartment of her brother-in-law, Jay San Nicolas, and his common-law wife, Melissa Lieto.

Atalig said she wanted to take her son home, but Jay San Nicolas and Lieto did not want her to take the boy.

Atalig insisted, but Jay San Nicolas allegedly started pushing her. Jesus P. San Nicolas came and started pulling her by the hair.

When Atalig fell to the floor, Jesus P. San Nicolas allegedly kicked her on the face and pulled her by the hair, even as Jay San Nicolas kept pushing her until she was outside the door.

Police officers arrived at the house. One officer then brought the victim to the hospital and took her later to her house. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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SAES students celebrate heritage in Cultural Spirit Week

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The Joeten Charitable Foundation donates $5,000 to the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross to assist with fundraising activities. "The Joeten group of companies have been a long time supporter of the Red Cross here in the CNMI" said John D. Guerrero, board chairman. "Joeten has always given above and beyond by providing support to the Chapter when we need it the most." This year's theme is a Mad Hatter's Ball with guests encouraged to wear their most exciting hat. Shown here, from left, are Kennedy Benjamin, Josh Sasamoto, Jerry Facey, Bo Palacios, Clarence Tenorio, John D. Guerrero, Norman Tenorio, Viola Sablan, Lou Johnson, and John Hirsh.

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REPORTER

Over 200 students took pride in presenting their heritage during the second day of the weeklong Cultural Spirit Week celebration yesterday at the San Antonio Elementary School.

Five-year-old Delaila Gimed was among the 20 kindergarten students who took part in the event, dressed in a traditional Yapese dress.

"I like this grass skirt because my grandmother specially made it for me…" she told *Saipan Tribune* while showing off the colorful headdress that accompanied the attire. Gimed's mother is from Yap.

Emigrace Vinuya, 5, said her parents helped her prepare her kimona, which represents the Filipino culture. Like Gimed, Vinuya is also proud of the origins of her parents.

San Antonio students and teachers started the weeklong festivities on Monday with a "paint your face" activity where flags or symbols of cultures were drawn. They explained the cultural importance of the symbols they chose.

In a visit to the class of teacher Rita T. Carreon, the event's coordinator, 20 kindergarten students explained the details of their costume.

Carreon said the weeklong activity aims to celebrate, promote, appreciate, and respect each other's cultural identity.

San Antonio is one of the most diverse campuses on island and is home to students that trace their parentage to Filipinos, Bangladeshis, Yapese, Chuukese, Chamorros, Palauans, and Micronesians.

"This is the first time we did it this way…and we're happy to see our students enjoy the daily activities for the week," Carreon said, noting the great involvement shown by parents.

Last year, the school invited cultural performers to classrooms.

Today, the children are expected to bring flowers, leis, and mwars as symbols of the CNMI culture. On Thursday, students are expected to wear red, white, and blue clothes to reflect the U.S. national flag. The festivities will be capped by the presentation of various cultural dishes and delicacies on Friday.

The weeklong celebration is part of the school's Chamorro/Carolinian Heritage Language Studies curriculum—the former bilingual program.

Drunk man allegedly drags pregnant wife

A man was arrested for allegedly pulling his pregnant woman by the hair and dragging her some three feet at their residence in Papago on Sunday night.

Mark Anthony Hapdei was arrested for assault and battery and disturbing the peace. A $15,000 cash bail was imposed for his temporary release. Other conditions include a daily curfew and no drinking of alcoholic beverages.

Police said the victim is eight months and a half pregnant.

Detective Jessie Stole testified in court that according to the victim, her husband and friends had been drinking outside their house in Papago.

Hapdei later wanted to go out, but the wife tried to stop him, angering the suspect, who allegedly pulled the victim by the hair, then punched and kicked her.

Stole said the victim had a scraped knee.

Although Hapdei has no prior convictions, he had already been arrested nine times for various offenses, according to assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

MPLT sues 2 for unpaid $85K loan

The Marianas Public Land Trust has filed a foreclosure lawsuit against two persons who allegedly failed to pay their loan plus interest and late charges in the amount of $85,026.91.

MPLT, through lawyer Robert T. Torres, sued Kyle E.M. Ulechong and Jennifer N.W. Ulechong for breach of contract, conversion, and unjust enrichment.

MPLT asked the Superior Court to order the Ulechongs to pay the amount plus attorney's fees and court costs.

MPLT also asked the court to order that the real property consisting of 752 square meters of land be sold and that the proceeds of the sale be applied to the payments.

Torres stated in the complaint that on April 11, 2001, Kyle Ulechong obtained from MPLT a loan of $85,000.

The lawyer said the defendants are in default on the note.

He said that on Oct. 15, 2007, a notice of default was sent to the defendants via certified mail and it was returned unclaimed. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Chamber sets rules for candidate forum

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce's forum for Saipan senatorial candidates will take place today, Oct. 21, at Fiesta Resort and Spa's Hibiscus Hall. The CNMI gubernatorial candidate debate will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the same venue.

Both events begin promptly at 6:30pm. Audience members arriving after the beginning of the event will not be able to enter the hall until a break in the event.

To ensure everyone's enjoyment at the events, and out of courtesy for the candidates, the Chamber reminds the public of the following rules of etiquette for the audience:

■ Turn off (or set to silent mode) pagers and cellular phones. If you must talk on the phone, please step outside the hall. You will not be allowed to re-enter the hall until an intermission or until the end of the forum/debate.

■ Please refrain from talking during the forum/debate.

■ Do not use flash cameras during the forum/debate. You may use flash cameras at the intermission and after the end of the event.

■ Refreshments are available for purchase at the back of the hall. Please wait until a break in the question and answers before moving to the back of the hall to purchase refreshments.

■ Please do not applaud during the forum/debate. There will be a time to applaud at intermission and at the end of the event.

■ Audience members are not allowed to carry banners, hold signs or anything else that would distract the speakers. Audience members also may not display any promotional material supporting any candidate, including but not limited to buttons, hats, t-shirts, etc.

■ No smoking.

■ No betel nut chewing.

■ No alcohol consumption.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office and are $15 when purchased in advance and $20 at the door. Students with valid school identification may purchase tickets for $7. ***(SCC)***

IN APPRECIATION

Jude Liu, center, receives a certificate of appreciation from Marianas Visitors Authority board member Emma Villagomez, right, and MVA managing director Perry Tenorio on Oct. 19, 2009. Liu, who has been an employee of DFS Saipan since February 2007 and chairman of the MVA China Ad Hoc Committee from May 2007 to October 2009, is relocating to Singapore where he will continue his employment with DFS. The MVA China Ad Hoc Committee works to develop and grow the China tourism market. MVA

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DATE: **Friday, 23 October 2009**

TIME: **2:00 PM**

LOCATION: **Antonio Camacho Atalig Memorial Annex Building**
Rota Casino Gaming Commission's Office
Tatachog, Rota, MP 96951

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Adoption of Agenda
IV. Adoption of Minutes
V. Chairman's Report
VI. Old Business
- RCGC Funding

VII. New Business
- Draft Temporary Casino License Application

VIII. Miscellaneous
IX. Adjournment

*At anytime during the meeting, the Commission may move to Executive Session.

/s/ DIEGO M. SONGAO **19, October 2009**
Chairman

SDA dental clinic offers free exams

October is National Dental Hygiene Month and the Seventh-day Adventist Clinic will celebrate the month by offering free dental exams to everyone on Saipan. If you have not had a complete dental exam for the past six months, it's time to come in.

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"The dentists, hygienists and staff at the Saipan SDA Dental Clinic are committed to doing what is best for their patients. We are concerned about preventing dental diseases and enjoy helping and instructing patients on how to maintain and restore their oral health," said Edmister.

There are three full-time doctors at the Saipan SDA Clinic. In addition, the SDA Dental Clinic offers emergency treatment during non-office hours. All three dentists at the SDA Dental Clinic were trained at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, a top U.S. dental school located in Southern California.

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30 Day NOTICE

The Workforce Investment Agency under the Office of the Governor and in accordance with the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 at § 134 (d) (4) (G) (ii), and the regulations at § 663.430, provide that, under limited circumstances, contracts for training rather than ITA's (Individual Training Accounts) may be used. Contracts may be used when there is insufficient number of eligible providers in a local area. This exception applies primarily to rural areas. The Act reforms the local service delivery system by eliminating the current practice of assigning participants to contracted training services and instead establishing a system that maximizes customer choice in the selection of training providers.

With limited training providers in the CNMI, the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency is in the process of developing for incumbent workers Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) training in the form of a contract for training instead of ITA's.

The Workforce Investment Agency under the Office of the Governor hereby publishes this NOTICE for 30 day public comment period for interested providers. Comments must be submitted in writing and addressed to Ms. Edith DeLeon Guerrero, WIA Executive Director at Gov't. Bldg. No. 1215, Capitol Hill, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or email at gov.wia@pticom.com.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 21, 1999

NMI, OIA agree to set aside differences

After years of estrangement, U.S. Office of Insular Affairs and the CNMI agreed yesterday to set aside differences in a bid to foster mutual cooperation on issues confronting the island, including federal assistance and economic development. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio warmly received OIA Director Danny Aranza during their meeting at the start of his first official visit to the Northern Marianas since assuming the post months ago. The discussion, according to Tenorio, focused on mutual concerns, such as Y2K assistance from the federal government, capital improvement projects and Covenant 702 funding.

DEQ assures cleanup of Tanapag

Division of Environmental Quality Director Ike Cabrera yesterday assured that the cleanup in Tanapag Village to be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to remove PCB contamination will be made following strict federal standards. DEQ is meeting with representatives of various federal agencies, including health and toxicology experts, to discuss the problem first discovered in the CNMI 11 years ago. According to Norman Lovelace, manager for Pacific Insular Area Program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, his office will continue to support DEQ in ensuring that the community's needs and concerns on this issue are properly addressed.

Oct. 21, 2002

MPLA demands its $8M back from BoS

With the presiding judge's approval of payments amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars in the Bank of Saipan receivership case, the Marianas Public Lands Authority-one of the bank's major depositors of over $8 million-demanded for the release of its money. The MPLA, through lawyer Alan L. Lane, said assets that were used to collateralize the government agency's deposits should not be disposed to other parties. It asserted it should be prioritized for payment in the liquidation of bank assets, even against the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund. MPLA's position was contained in a pleading it filed with the Superior Court last week.

Govt has $2.7M collectibles

The House leadership is pressing to step up tax collection in the wake of reports that the government has about $2.7 million in excise tax receivables overdue from local businesses. The focus on tax collection comes days after the Legislature resolved to speed up action on revenue-generating initiatives that leaders hope will turn the depressed local economy around. On top of the 21 pending initiatives that the lower House originally cranked up to increase government revenues, acting House Speaker Manuel A. Tenorio said the leadership is also turning its focus on the collection of receivables, particularly on excise taxes.

Oct. 21, 2003

Mendiola joins Manglona's bloc

TINIAN-In a simple ceremony beset by bad weather, former senator Jose M. Dela Cruz's replacement, Sen. Joseph M. Mendiola, was sworn into office yesterday morning at the Tinian courthouse in the presence of only three senators—Paul A. Manglona, Joaquin G. Adriano and Diego M. Songao. Conspicuously absent were senators Pete P. Reyes, Ramon S. Guerrero, Thomas P. Villagomez and David M. Cing. Reyes' camp has not made it a secret that they would not be attending the ceremony that was organized by Manglona's group, citing, among others, what they view as disregard for Senate tradition or the absence of a credentials committee that was supposed to review Mendiola's qualifications as a Senate member before being sworn in.

Water crisis may be linked to diabetes

Could the water crisis in the CNMI contributed in large part to the increasing incidence of diabetes among local residents? In his book, "Water for Health, for Healing, for Life: You're not Sick, You're Thirsty," author F. Batmanghelidj, M.D., argues that the lack of water in the body—dehydration—can result in various illnesses, including diabetes, which is considered to have reached epidemic stage in the CNMI. Statistics show that the CNMI, which severely lacks potable water, ranks third worldwide-after Pima Indians and Nauru-with the highest number of diabetes cases worldwide.

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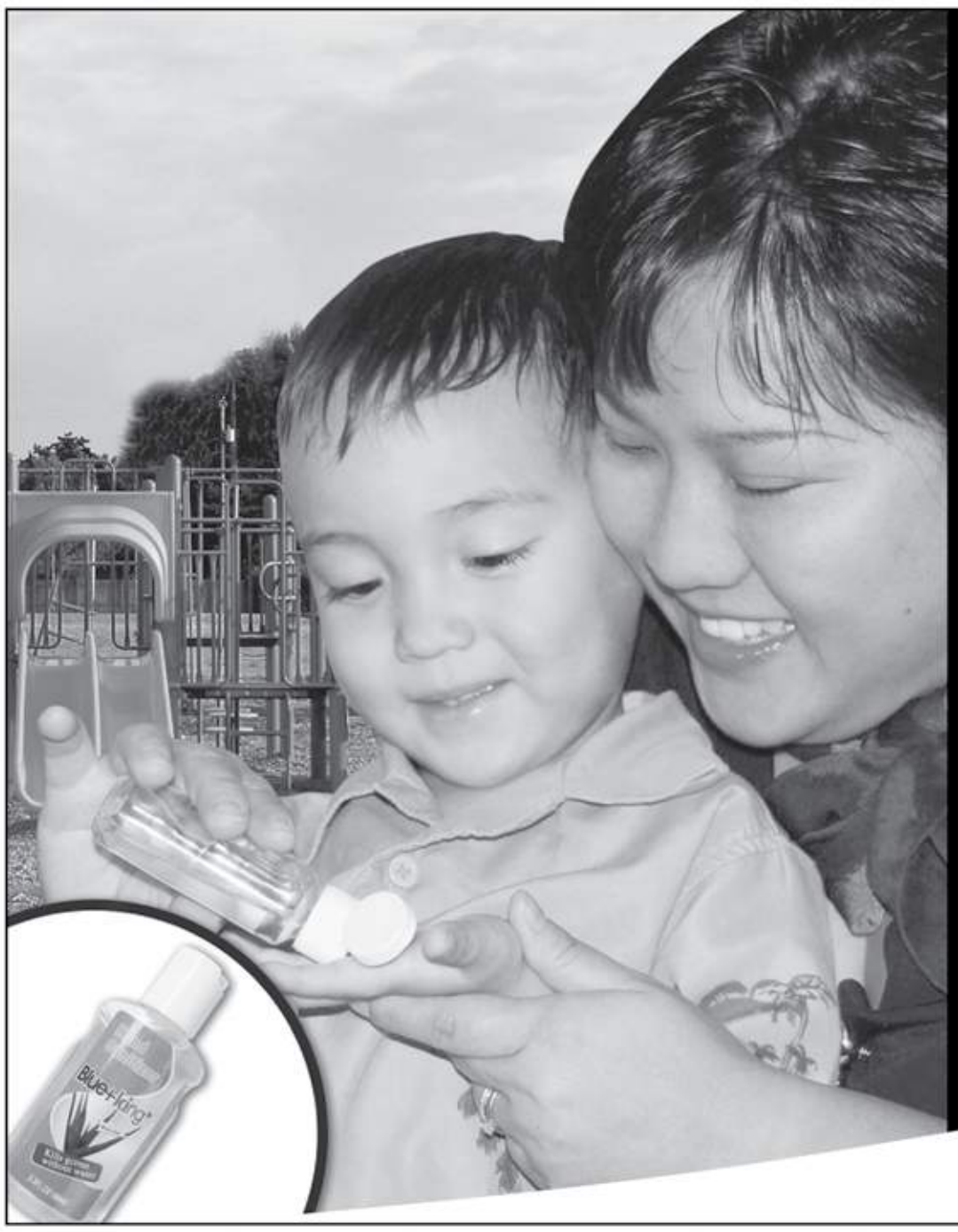

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2.47 trillion dimes

In the world according to Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid, D-Nev., setting Medicare payment levels for doctors has nothing to do with health reform. Really. "Correcting the Medicare doctors' payment discrepancy is a budgetary problem—health insurance reform tackles a serious regulatory problem," Reid's office said in a statement. "That's why we need to fix the Medicare doctors' payments first, outside of health reform."

Where to start with this? First off, $247 billion—the 10-year cost of the fix—is one whopper of a "discrepancy." Dealing with that "discrepancy" amounts to more than one-quarter of the cost of health reform. President Obama has vowed that health reform will not add a single dime to the deficit—but he is seemingly unfazed about adding more than a quarter-trillion dollars to the deficit by changing the Medicare reimbursement formula without finding a way to pay for it.

Second, Mr. Reid's attempt to distinguish the budgetary and regulatory issues is nonsensical. The health reform measure includes all sorts of changes in the ways that various providers are compensated. True, the problem with inadequate Medicare payments is something of a preexisting condition to health reform, but that does not make it unrelated. The so-called doc fix is being rushed to the Senate floor this week in advance of health reform not because it has nothing to do with health reform but because it has everything to do with it. The political imperative is twofold: to make certain that Republicans don't use the physician payment issue to bring down the larger bill and to placate the American Medical Association.

This latest maneuver only heightens the fiscal irresponsibility of what already was a fiscal sleight of hand. The measure passed by the Senate Finance Committee patched the problem for one year, at a cost just shy of $11 billion. The argument was that the rest of the problem could be dealt with—and, at least in theory, paid for—later. Now, Mr. Reid proposes not to pay for any of it, not even $11 billion, but simply to write a $247 billion IOU.

The Medicare payment formula is one of a number of fiscal time bombs that will need defusing soon: the alternative minimum tax, the Bush tax cuts, the estate tax, other expiring tax provisions. These are costs—huge costs—that the administration would, for the most part, prefer to assume away; it wants to exempt itself from the responsibility of having to come up with a way to ensure that dealing with them does not add to the deficit.

This is an enormous problem, practically and politically. It requires a comprehensive solution—one that probably cannot be achieved within the existing political framework but that will require some kind of bipartisan commission to craft. A president who says that he is serious about dealing with the dire fiscal picture cannot credibly begin by charging this one to the national credit card, with no concern for the later generations who will have to pay the bill.

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Autism again

By JAIME VERGARA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Two startling pieces of information came barreling toward my consciousness recently like a semi carrying a fully loaded 40-footer container newly crane-loaded from Lower Base careening past Sugar King Park on a rainy afternoon at double the allowed speed limit! My exaggeration is only on the metaphor! The considerable impact is real.

First impact was the *Pediatrics Journal*'s report about the increase of incidence of autism among 3-17 year olds at 1 per 91. There's a tendency for professionals and administrators to explain away the dramatic increase as but improvements in diagnoses and reporting, as well as the expansion of the coverage of autism from a syndrome to that of a spectrum disorder. Parents have long known that there was something amiss but there's a tendency to treat autism from an expert-centered reparative therapy perspective rather than from radical intervention of total human medicine in all its holistic physiological and psychological aspects and ancillaries, ancient and modern.

The second impact is from a two-year old book that the Autism Society of CNMI is circulating among its members titled *Changing the Course of Autism: A Scientific Approach for Parents and Physicians* (a recommended reading for all CNMI PSS SpEd personnel, were my opinion asked). Written by Bryon Jepson, M.D. with Jane Johnson, it claims that evidence-based medicine shows that:

No. 1: Autism is epidemic (1 in 150 children has been diagnosed).
No. 2: Autism is a medical disease, not a psychological disorder.
No. 3: Autism affects other body organ systems besides the brain.
No. 4: Autism is treatable; children are recovering.

Item No. 1 is now dated. Item No. 2 is a major shift. We can no longer approach autism as simply a mental disorder caused by just a few unconnected brain cells due to the mysterious cessation of synapse production at 18 months. That naive explanation can no longer suffice, if it ever did. Or, even if one went further to attribute the disorder to genetics or chromosomal imprints, the overwhelming environmental evidence can no longer be ignored.

The big hullabaloo on diet in the '90s, particularly against dairy products and gluten, was dismissed by many as just another cynical attempt to foist health freak products on the anxiously gullible! That's until now. Researchers found out a higher percentage of cancer among women who regularly drink milk against those who do not. So, though item No.3 may not point to direct causation between gut and disease, it does point to the same radical alteration in the chemical content of our food items as a contributing factor in the altered states of our neurology. We are what we eat is no longer just a line on Comedy Central.

Other than the chemicals we inject into our intestines, (we will deal with the recreational ones another time) we use chemicals that are intentionally part of our attempts to be healthy. Many parents claim that the mercury preservatives in vaccines have had devastating effects on their infants. We already know that the high level of mercury from industrial effluents into our marine resource has wrought havoc to the Japanese experience. We also know of the startling similarity between the symptoms of mercury poisoning and those of autism. Our poisoned "silent spring" is mild compared to the chemical input we make to ensure high production in our commercial farms and fishponds.

Assurances from the pharmaceutical industry and the Centers for Disease Control notwithstanding, we cannot but shudder at the enormous amount of defensive science being practiced to dispute claims to protect commercial gains. Having weathered years of denying a link between smoking and cancer, and recently the factual but irrelevant comparison between cow's methane production and car's emissions, and now the tying of health reform to charges of socialist incursion into the American psyche, are but examples of why parents trust their intuition first, and keep a healthy skepticism on claims of corporate America in defense of practices they want reformed and transformed.

The most impact on me is item No.4, which is not claiming that the condition of autism is curable, nor is it giving equal value to the plethora of prescribed treatments and other interventions, but that treatment to obviate symptoms, or at least a focus on the strength of a child's learning portal rather than filling up deficiencies against a normative scale, holds promise.

Back to the ground level of our current events. The Vilas, legal complainants against PSS, are a hardworking couple whose care of and attention to their child is beyond question. So let us dismiss offhand any impression of parental handoff of responsibility over the care of a child of special needs to the public domain. Conversely, Susanne Lizama, current acting head of PSS' SpEd is a reasonable, competent and amiable administrator. To be sure, the staff she works with has a high turnover but that's just because the nature of their task since IDEA became law is formidable. So let us dismiss immediately any suggestion of incompetence on the part of our SpEd staff. Yet we cannot deny the shortfall on services intended and promised.

It costs $47,000 each for my children to go to school and even then, they do not get the full complement of services their mother wishes they should get. The upside of this is that what is true of curriculum and instruction in special education is equally valid to consider in general education. It is obvious that if we are serious with education, that each child should have an IEP to guide their educational direction. Period. The implication of this is, of course, enormous. Classroom sizes will have to be smaller, and the trend for specialized teaching will have to take a back seat to common sense pedagogy.

The way we treat autism, along with other children with special needs, is a clear bellwether of how we treat the rest of our societal contradictions. The tiered approach now being recommended in autism where one size does not fit all is a microcosm of what is appropriate in every other response to our other social challenge, political, economic and cultural. The age of the pontificating expert is over; appropriation of commonsense wisdom is the need of the hour. Perhaps the lesson of acceptance and belonging is much more important, in the first instance and the long run, than the conquest of a disorder or the eradication of a disease, though we certainly would

See AUTISM on Next Page

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The burden of things: Lessons in non-attachment

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Creating economic success for the CNMI

By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

Things, Part 1

I'm a minimalist. That means I strive to have less and less in my life. Less attachments. Less complexity. Less things. If you're among the close friends who've visited my place, you'll know what I mean. My favorite home decor style is "Modern Contemporary Sparse."

I've also realized that I am an extremist. I'm an "all or nothing" person who goes to extremes for what I believe in. For example, I'm not just a vegetarian, I'm a vegan—one of those "fanatic vegetarians," as my friends refer to it!

I also believe in freedom. In fact, that's probably the prime directive for my life. I left the corporate world to pursue my passion, because I wanted freedom, and I learned many years ago that minimalism lends itself to creating true freedom. At that time, as merely *a freedom-obsessed, extremist vegan*, I packed up a lot of my possessions (the heavy ones which were a burden to keep moving from one apartment to another—the books, the magazines, the 3,000 vinyl record collection—and put them into storage. Then, with just a laptop, and few belongings, I was freer to indulge my nomadic dream. I had taken a step closer to becoming *a freedom-obsessed, extremist, vegan minimalist*!)

Now, what's that you ask? *Walt, if you were a real minimalist, why did you put your belongings in storage? Why didn't you just throw them out?* Well, there were some things I just couldn't seem to part with at the time. The vinyl records had sentimental value and were a connection to my past as a radio deejay, and provided hours of nostalgic enjoyment and kept me in "the zone" when I wrote. And the books, well, they were mostly the inventory of my own self-published books that I needed to have on hand for customers.

So, anyway, back to the storage episode. It occurred to me, as I pulled the metal gate shut on storage space No. 575 on the third floor of a self-storage facility in New York, that everything I owned had just fit in a 5' x 10' space, and that I was now free of a tremendous weight. But then I realized, too, that real freedom would only come when I could throw away the key and simply walk away from it all!

Things, Part 2

Last week I spoke with a friend here on Saipan about the possessions she's left behind in various cities in several countries throughout the many relocations of her life. She revealed that at times she laments the loss of the designer clothing, gadgets and unique books, but also realized that discovering and moving to Saipan has been a truly a pivotal moment, experience and decision that has moved her significantly toward her happiness and destiny.

I shared with her my belief that one of the major lessons life is intent on teaching us is that we need to lessen our attachment to things. And, of course, the way life teaches this is by taking away the very things to which we are too attached.

Having gotten that lesson over the years, I've developed a philosophy and a mode of operation that, I believe, supports my ultimate happiness in life. Personally, I can walk away from any "thing." Whatever the "thing" is, I know that if I lose it, it's not the end of the world, and I can always get another if I so choose. Not because I'm rich, but because I'm simply not attached to it. I must be ever aware that even my "valuable" things (car, laptop, baby photo) might disappear one day, and I have to be prepared for that. But I don't prepare by giving in to the fear of loss of the thing, but by practicing how to survive without the thing.

The Lesson

So, here's what I've learned: There's a direct correlation between things and freedom. However, it's an inverse relationship. In other words, as one increases, the other decreases. In still other words: the more things you have, the less free you become. That relationship also extends to happiness. Since (at least for me) freedom = happiness, then less things equals more happiness.

Now, I realize that you might have a hard time convincing a consumer-minded society that the key to happiness is to purchase less things, but the evidence is there. For me, it's no coincidence that before I could escape to Saipan and experience the level of contentment that I now have, that I first had to give up that 3,000 vinyl record collection (I gave it to a friend), all the books, the gadgets, and a ton of other stuff—much of which I just left in the apartment for the building manager to take. I then further simplified and distilled my life down to a laptop and a camera, boarded a plane to Japan, and the rest, as they say is the (his) story of my life. I had finally become *the freedom-obsessed, extremist, vegan, minimalist nomad* I had dreamt of being!

It's no coincidence either that my friend would never have experienced the feeling of "coming home" that landing on Saipan inspired in her had she not been willing to sail across the oceans without her worldly possessions.

It was only after being free of the "things," that traveling to the other side of the world to find happiness and purpose could be an option. In both our cases, it was "the burden of things" that was holding us back.

I understand that minimalism and a lifestyle of simplicity is a personal choice, and I'm not saying everyone has to follow that path to be happy. However, it might be helpful to consider that happiness is not really about the stuff you have and hold (those are just transient conveniences that often break after a while anyway), but about the experiences and feelings you have with the people around you in the place that you live in, the memories of those experiences, and the day to day feeling of purpose and fulfillment that pervades your life (that's the stuff you get to keep)!

Yes, perhaps, the less attached you are to things, the happier you'll be.

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Note: Fans and followers of the book, *Chicken Feathers and Garlic Skin: Diary of a Chinese Garment Factory Girl on Saipan* may now request copies here on Saipan by emailing me walt@passionprofit.com, or Amazon.com.

***Note**: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that said good things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com!*

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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Letters to the Editor

'Making it harder for us to live'

This is a response to the letter of Dianne Esplin about the candidate for mayor, Mr. Angelo Villagomez. Why should we vote for Angelo? What has he done, besides make it harder for us fisherman to make ends meet? He spearheaded this monument that we have now. The monument took away all the best fishing spots for us fishermen. What about our families? Are you or Angelo going to give us more money for our fish? Are you going to pay for our gas to go out further and fish? I bet you won't. Angelo does not care for us unfortunate folks that do not have the high-paying, behind-the-desk, and more educated jobs. He doesn't care about us who have to work hard at various jobs just to make ends meet. Angelo is the worst possible choice for mayor; there are others who are running that are smarter and more determined than he is. I urge the people of Saipan to vote for a better person. Angelo is not the right man for mayor! I myself have not chosen my vote for mayor, but Angelo won't get it!

Frank Benavente
As Terlaje, Saipan

Islandwide spay and neuter program

My name is Dan Teich and I am a veterinarian living and working in the Washington, D.C. area. I was formerly the Medical Director of the National Capital Area Spay and Neuter Center.

During a recent trip to Washington, D.C., I was contacted by Angelo Villagomez about the possibility of working with him if he is elected mayor of Saipan to conduct an islandwide spay and neuter program for the stray dogs living on your island.

In our correspondence he described the difficulties he and other PAWS members have had in trying to hold such a clinic over the years and how he thinks it will be easier to accomplish as a government official, as your mayor.

I do not live on Saipan, nor do I vote there and I would never intrude on your local elections. However, if Angelo is elected as your next mayor, I have committed to come out to Saipan and hold a spay and neuter clinic before his first term of office is over.

Dr. Dan Teich, DVM
Washington, D.C.

No to umbrella permit!

I will not sign the permit! I urge alien workers to ask themselves why they should sign. There is no benefit for us. All Department of Labor policies still apply even if we sign. If our contract ends, we must find work. If we can't find a job, we still have to leave. The permit does not give us any kind of privilege to remain. We still have to pay for our contract renewals and permits if we are renewed. We still have to compete to find a job in a job market that has very few available. We do not gain by signing. We only lose. We give up our rights to have our employers pay for our repatriation and medical fees. We don't even know if this is legal. We don't even know what the federal regulations are. We fought to end PL 15-108 and bad regulations. We fought for federalization. This will give DOL two full years to run DOL after the start of federalization. Is that what we fought for? To remain under the rule of DOL? Or did we fight for a chance of justice and fairness from the federal government under a federally run guest worker program? To the guest workers, do not let your employers or others force you to sign a document. If someone tells you that you must sign, please contact the Federal Ombudsman's Office.

Itos Feliciano
President, Human Dignity Movement

AUTISM

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wish the second to follow the first.

The Autism book ends with a story about Israel who wanted to learn, like those of his peers, to ride a bike. After observing the experience of others, he proceeded to learn how to fall off the bike. When he had that mastered, when he overcame his fears, he pedaled away never to fall again.

Current assessment tools leave us with shame when we are deemed short against a norm. Thomas Edison was reportedly upbeat when asked what he learned after he finally had the light bulb work. He said, "I discovered a thousand ways how not to get it done."

Almost 20 years of falling since IDEA was passed should have made us familiar with our fallen state. It is time to pedal away from our fears and hesitations. Connect with the folks at NMPASI (235 7273) and the Autism Society of the CNMI.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

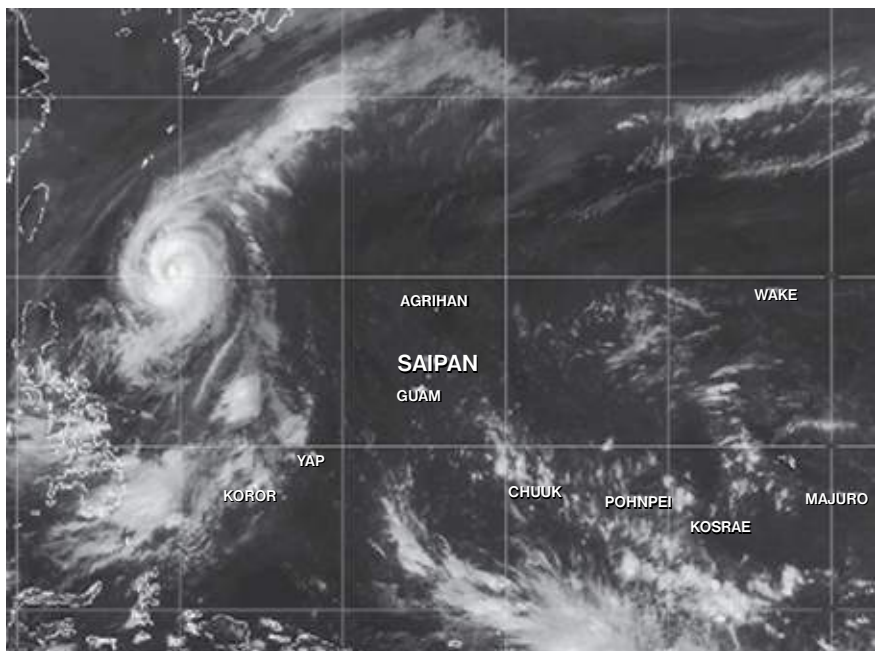
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Rain	▲85	▼76
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼77
Yap	Sunny	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Sunny	▲74	▼54
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88	▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲87	▼75
Majuro	Showers	▲85	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲60	▼55
Beijing	Sunny	▲73	▼45
Hong Kong	Cloudy	▲86	▼73
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼74
London	Rain	▲59	▼50
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲84	▼84
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲69	▼48
Miami	Showers	▲86	▼76
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼56
Osaka	Sunny	▲71	▼54
Paris	Rain	▲60	▼50
Pusan	Sunny	▲73	▼49
Rome	Cloudy	▲69	▼61
Salem	Showers	▲61	▼45
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼55
Seoul	Cloudy	▲60	▼044
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲69	▼54
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲75	▼53

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Lupit (22W) is centered at 20N131E. Heavy rain and scattered thunderstorms are found up to 150 miles from the center. For more detailed information on Lupit, see bulletins issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM and JTWC under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. Convergent south and southwest winds south and east of Lupit in conjunction with an upper low centered at about 11N141E are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north and east of Koror within 150 miles of a line from 7N130E to 11N136E to 15N136E and within 50 miles of a line from 16N135E to 22N135E. Convergent southwest winds well south of Guam are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 80 miles of a line running from 8N144E to 2N146E to EQ149E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
3:22 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
10:20 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:51 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
8:33 PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Thursday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Friday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Saturday	6:11 AM	5:52 PM
Sunday	6:11 AM	5:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:43 AM	7:15 PM
Thursday	8:39 AM	8:05 PM
Friday	9:35 AM	8:57 PM
Saturday	10:28 AM	9:50 PM
Sunday	12:02 AM	11:34 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:50am	12:25pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:20am	5:10am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:50am	1:20pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:30pm	1:20pm	4, 5
C09603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW99	6:05am	8:40am	Last flights Oct. 23 and 24
NW78	9:00am	2:05pm	via NGO last flights Oct 21 and 23
NW75	3:50pm	6:25pm	Last flights Oct. 21 to 24

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	1, 3, 4, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	1, 3, 4, 6 via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:30pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:15am	3:50am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:10am	2:40am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:10am	3:50am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:20am	11:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Last flights Oct. 21 to 24
NW77	6:35pm	1:40am+1	via NGO last flights Oct 20 and 22
NW100	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Last flights Oct. 22, 23 and 24

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	4, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7 via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:50pm	2:30pm+1	3, 6 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	4, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; NW: Northwest; OZ: Asiana
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber hosts senatorial forum today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Saipan senatorial candidate forum today, Oct. 21, 2009, at the Fiesta Resort (Hibiscus Hall), starting at 6:30pm. Doors will close promptly at 6:30pm. Tickets are still available to member company employees/representatives at the reduced rate of $10 per person (a maximum of two at this price). Regular advance-purchase tickets are $15 per person and $20 at the door. Students with ID can purchase tickets for $7 per person. Tickets are available through the Chamber office. ***(PR)***

Live-fire training on FDM

The U.S. military will be conducting live-fire training on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla on Oct. 21 – 22, from 10am to 1am. The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon de Medinilla Training Area on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear from this area during the times and dates indicated.

For more information, contact the EMO Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0. or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. ***(EMO)***

Red cross announces special Hyatt rate

The Red Cross announced yesterday a special room rate at the Hyatt this weekend. All Club 200 ticket buyers are eligible for $91 plus tax per night rate at the Hyatt on Oct. 24 and 25. This super special rate is being offered to those who purchase tickets to this year's Club 200. To secure your room at this special price, call Hyatt reservations at 234-1234 and provide your Red Cross Club 200 ticket number. ***(PR)***

Telethon to raise funds for Samoa victims

This Saturday, Oct 24, 2009, from 6am-6pm, the Samoan Association of Saipan will host a telethon at the Garapan Fishing Base and will be taking calls for monetary donations/contributions. The group is kindly asking the community for their support and a dollar from everyone on the island can do a lot. To make a donation now, call 286-3311.

There will be 20 acts performing on Saturday for the telethon, there will also be some vendors selling food for the Samoan Relief fund. The group is also accepting clothing donations. ***(PR)***

Kagman sets gubernatorial forum

There will be a Gubernatorial Forum, sponsored by the Kagman Komunidat Association, on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, at the Kagman Community Center starting at 7pm. All undecided voters are invited to attend and share their concerns. For more information, contact Jesse Torres at kagmankomunidatassociation@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Chamber sets gubernatorial debate

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a Gubernatorial Debate next week, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, at Fiesta Resort (Hibiscus Hall) starting at 6:30pm. Doors will close promptly at 6:30pm. Tickets cost $15 before the event and $20 at the door. All four gubernatorial candidates are expected to participate. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 233-7150. ***(PR)***

Deadline set for filing quarterly returns

The Division of Revenue and Taxation wishes to remind all CNMI residents that the 2009 3rd Quarter deadline for filing the

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Public Education on "Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 to Amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution"

Question: Do you approve of Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold regular general elections only in even-numbered years? Yes or No.

Stated Findings: With the implementation of US Public Law 110-229 granting the Commonwealth a non-voting delegate to the US Congress, the CNMI Government has to conduct a separate election for that office in even-numbered years commencing in 2008 in addition to holding regular general election in odd-numbered years pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the CNMI Constitution. By not holding an election every year, the Legislature finds that the cost-savings could be used for other programs and services in need of additional funds. Therefore, the purpose of this initiative is to propose an amendment as set forth in section 2 hereof to Article VIII, Section 1 of the CNMI Constitution to hold general elections only in even-numbered years.

General Summary: Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 proposes to hold the general election and the election for the non-voting delegate during even-numbered years. This would eliminate the need for a special election like the one conducted in 2008 for the federal non-voting delegate position. Instead, the Commonwealth would vote for the federal non-voting delegate during the general election. The Senate has found that by holding one election instead of two a reported $87,530.00 would be saved. This $87,530.00 could then be used for other programs and services in the CNMI that are in need of additional funds. In the short term this initiative would affect the length of terms of the individuals that are voted into office in this 2009 election and during the next midterm election. All House of Representatives elected in November will serve a three-year term instead of the customary two-year term. All Senators elected in November will serve a five-year term instead of the customary four-year term. Likewise, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Mayors will each serve a five-year term instead of the customary four-year term. The increased term length would only happen during this election in order to synchronize the general election and the election for the non-voting delegate in 2012.

NMC offers free project development training

The Northern Marianas College is encouraging the CNMI community to attend the Administration for Native Americans' free project development training, which is designed to provide participants the skills to plan successful community development projects.

The ANA is a federal agency that promotes self-sufficiency and cultural preservation among Native Americans and Pacific Islanders through training and financial and technical assistance.

The training, which was also held in other locations in the Pacific, such as Hawaii, Guam, and American Samoa, will be conducted at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Oct. 26-28, 2009, from 9am to 5pm on each day. Participants will need to register beforehand as seats are limited.

Topics at the three daylong training will include identifying and documenting specific community problems needing to be addressed, creating a work plan to meet community goals, developing outcomes and measuring overall community impact, and determining and securing funding sources needed to complete the project. The training will also include a grant writing workshop.

"The ANA has been highly instrumental in many of the college's community projects not only by providing funding but also by offering training and other professional development opportunities to NMC staff," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "We would like to encourage all interested members in the community to take advantage of this training opportunity."

Through ANA funding and in partnership with IT&E, the college has been able to provide live telecasting of conferences and forums through its video teleconferencing system for nearly two years. Other events include the NMC-sponsored Delegate Forum in October 2008 and the recent ARRA Program Presentation of Proposals.

To register online and for more training information, call 1-800-339-7905 or log on to www.anapacificbasin.org. ***(NMC)***

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Edukasion Pupbliku ni "Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 para u Amenda i Attikulu VIII, Seksiona 1 gi Konstitusion"

Kuestion: Kåo un apreba i Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 para u amenda i Attikulu VIII, Seksiona 1 gi Konstitusion i Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha para u go'te i regulåt na eleksion heneråt ha'gi even-numbered na såkkan siha? Hunggan pat Åhe'

Yåma na Sinedda': Yan i implimentasion i US Lain Pupbliku 110-229 maná'i i Commonwealth non-voting na delegådu para i Kongreson US, i Gobietnamenton CNMI debi na u kondukta separåo na eleksion para ayu i ofisinan i sakkan i even-numbered siha ha tutuhon gue; gi 2008 yan dinaña'i para u na'guaha regulåt na eleksion heneråt gi odd-numbered na såkkan sigun gi Attikulu VIII, Seksiona 1 gi Konstitusion CNMI. Ti debi na u na'guaha i eleksion gi maseha håfa na såkkan, i Lehislatura ha sodda' na i cost-savings siña ma'usa para otro progråma siha yan setbisio siha ni numisisita más fondo siha. Låo, i hangain este na initiative ni para u mapropone amendasion komu mapega mo'na gi seksiona 2 guini gi Attikulu VIII, Seksiona 1 gi Konstitusion i CNMI para u na'guaha eleksion heneråt siha gi even-numbered ha' na såkkan siha.

Sumårian Heneråt: I Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 ha propone para u na'guaha eleksion heneråt yan eleksion para i non-voting delegate gi durånten i sakkan i even-numbered siha. Este u na'suha i nisisdåt para i espisiåt na eleksion tåt komu i unu ni makondukta gi 2008 para i non-voting na pusision i delegådon federåt. Alugåt,di i Commonwealth u fambota para i non-voting na delegådon federåt gi durånten i eleksion heneråt. I Senate ha sodda' na yanggen mana'guaha unu na eleksion alugåt di i dos maripot na manmankahåya $87,530.00 na salåppe'. Este i $87,530.00 siña ma'usa para otro progråma siha yan setbisio siha gi halom i CNMI ni manmanisisita para más na fondo siha. Gi kadada' na tema este na initiative siña inafekta i inanåkko' i tema siha gi indibiduåt siha ni manmabota hålom i ofisina guini gi 2009 na eleksion yan durånten i sigiente na eleksion i midterm. Todu Kongreso siha ni manma'ilihi gi Nubembre para u masetbe tres åños na tema alugåt di regulåtmente i dos åños na tema. Todu Senadot siha manma'ilihi gi Nubembre yan para u masetbe singko åños na tema alugåt di regulåtmente i kuåtro åños na tema. Taimanu ha', i Gobietno, Segundo Gobietno yan i Mayot siha u masetbe singko åños na tema alugåt di regulåtmente i kuåtro åños na tema. I inåomentan i inanåkko' i tema ni siña ha' masusedi gi durånten este na eleksion nai siña para u synchronize i eleksion heneråt yan i eleksion para i delegådon i non-voting gi 2012.

Airman Catap graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman 1st Class Ron Ron V. Catap graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, on Oct 16, 2009.

Catap completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Catap earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Ronaldo Catap of Saipan and is a 2009 graduate of Marianas High School. ***(PR)***

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quarterly returns is Monday, Nov. 2, 2009. The Division of Revenue and Taxation will be open from 7:30am until 6:30pm on Monday, Nov. 2, 2009. The office of the Division of Revenue & Taxation is located at the Joeten Dandan Commercial Center. For additional information call 664-1000, 664-1043 Compliance Branch, or 664-1065, Collection Branch. ***(PR)***

Citizens for Changing Article 12 on Marianas Agupa

Sen. Maria Frica Pangelinan, Alex Sablan and Efrain Camacho will guests on Marianas Agupa Chamorro Radio Talk Show between 9:45am and 11am this Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 on Magic 100.3 FM. The issue on changing or repealing Article 12 will be discussed. The program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. The phone line at the radio station will be open for questions during the show. Live Internet broadcast on www.magic100radio.com will also be available. ***(PR)***

Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Toyota unveils new hybrid-only model

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota Motor Corp. has unveiled a more expensive and bigger hybrid-only model than its hit Prius, underlining the Japanese automaker's ambitions to make green technology more widespread. The "Sai" sedan is Toyota's second hybrid-only model after the Prius. Toyota offers hybrid versions of other car models. Sai, which means "talent" and "color," will be sold only in Japan, starting Dec.7, targeting monthly sales of 3,000 vehicles. No global sales plans have been decided, the world's biggest automaker said Tuesday. Hybrids get better mileage than regular gasoline engine cars by switching between an electric motor and a gas engine. Other automakers are also beefing up their hybrid lineups, including hybrid-only models.

Investors lap up Apple's 47 percent profit jump

SEATTLE (AP)—Wall Street knew Apple Inc.'s results for the most recent quarter would blow past the company's guidance, but investors clearly weren't prepared for the 47 percent jump in profit that Apple delivered. Shares skyrocketed to an all-time high in after-hours trading Monday evening on news that Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple sold more iPhone and Mac computers than ever. Apple's financial report "reinforces my view that Apple is hands down the best technology company on the planet," said Broadpoint AmTech analyst Brian Marshall in an interview. Apple unveiled a faster iPhone in June and cut the price of the previous generation of the phone to $99. Those moves boosted iPhone sales from July through September to 7.4 million devices, half a million more than in the same period of 2008, despite shortages of the newest iPhones that persisted through the quarter.

Oil rises above $80 as earnings beat expectations

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices rose above $80 a barrel Tuesday in Asia, extending a two-week rally as better-than-expected U.S. corporate earnings boosted investor confidence. Benchmark crude for November delivery rose as much as 44 cents to $80.05 a barrel but later fell back and was up 20 cents at $79.81 by midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose $1.08 to settle at $79.61 on Monday. Crude reached $80 for the first time this year after Apple Inc. and Texas Instruments Inc. reported third quarter earnings Monday that beat analyst forecasts. Caterpillar Inc., Coca-Cola Co. and DuPont are scheduled to report later Tuesday.

Citi closes gas-linked MasterCards without warning

NEW YORK (AP)—Shannon Burdette tried to pay with her Shell Mastercard after filling up her gas tank this weekend but found the card rejected. Confused, she called the customer service line on the back of the card, issued by Citibank, and was told the account was closed because of something that appeared on her credit report. But when the Sykesville, Md., resident got a copy of her credit report online, the only negative thing she saw was "closed at credit grantor's request" on the Shell MasterCard account. "They said there was a routine review," said Burdette, who maintained that she and her husband, Brian, used the card regularly and always paid the bill on time. Burdette isn't alone. People across the country have been reporting similar experiences in postings on various consumer Web sites. Citi confirmed the basics. The bank said in a statement it "decided to close a limited number of oil partner co-branded MasterCard accounts." That includes not only Shell, but Citgo, ExxonMobil and Phillips 66-Conoco cards.

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Ammatafal Toulap reel " Senate Legislative Initiative16-11 iye e siweli Article V111, Tálil 1 mereel Allégh Lapalap."

Ayegh: U aprebai Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11, Tálil 1 mereel Allégh Lapalap llól Téél falúw kka Efáng Marianas bwe ebwe ayoora regular general election llól rágh kka e even number schagh ? Awer ngáre Saabw.

Milikka re schuungi: Igha aa toolong Alléghúl Toulap ye US 110-229 iye aa mweiti ngáli Commonwealth's escháy non-voting delegate nge US Congress, Gobennool Commonwealth aa ayoora bwal eew bwotasion ngáre bwulasiyo yeel llól rágh ye e even-number, e bweletá wóól 2008, fengál me general regular election llól odd-numbered, sángi Article V111, Tálil 1 mereel Allégh Lapalap ye CNMI. Igha ese yoor election alongal ráágh, Sów Ffééról Allégh (Legislature) e schuungi bwe cost-savings nge emmwel ebwe yááyá ngáli akkááw progróóma me alillis (service) kka e nisitaay maas salaapi. Ila mille, faal initiative yeel nge ebwe pomwoli ssiwel ye aa ammwel llól tálil ruwoow mellól Article V111, Tálil 1 mereel Allégh Lapalap ye CNMI ebwe ayoora general election llól rágh kka even-number schagh.

Aweewe: Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 e pomwoli ebwe ayoora general election me electionul non-voting delegate llól rágh kka even-number. Milleel nge ebwe ayuwúló special election ebwe aweey ighiwe eyoor llol 2008, reel posision we federal non-voting delegate. Iwe, Commonwealth ebwele bwoota reel federal non-voting delegate llól general election. Senate aa schuungi bwe igha eew schagh election me mmwal ruwoow nge ebwe save llapal $87,530. $87,530 yeel nge emmwel ebwe yááli ngáli akkááw progróóma kka llól CNMI ikka e nisitaay maas fundo. Mellol short term initiative yeel ebwe aweiresi (afektaay) tool term reel schóókka re bwotaar llól 2009 me bwal mid-term election. Alongeer House of Representative kka re bwotaar llól Nobembre rebwe lo eluuw ráágh, ese weey fasúl, ruwoow ráágh. Alongeer Senators kka re bwotaar llól Nobembre rebwe lo limwoow ráágh, ese weey fasúl iwe faawu ráágh. E bwal weewe schagh me Sów Lemelem, Sów Mang me Maghalaay. Alongeer rebwe lo limwoow ráágh ese weey ighiwe faawu ráágh. Tetáál raghil yaar lo nge llól schagh election yeey bwelle ebwe weeweló ótol general election me non-voting delegate election llól 2012.

Nation

Scientist who worked for gov't accused of spying

WASHINGTON (AP)—A scientist credited with helping discover evidence of water on the moon was arrested Monday on charges of attempting to pass along classified information to an FBI agent posing as an Israeli intelligence officer.

Stewart David Nozette, 52, of Chevy Chase, Md., was charged in a criminal complaint with attempting to communicate, deliver and transmit classified information, the Justice Department said.

Nozette was arrested by FBI agents and is expected to make his initial appearance in federal court in Washington on Tuesday. Law enforcement officials said Nozette did not immediately have a lawyer.

Nozette worked in varying jobs for the Energy Department, NASA and—in 1989 and 1990—the National Space Council in the president's office. He developed the Clementine bi-static radar experiment that is credited with discovering water on the south pole of the moon. He also worked at the Energy Department's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he designed highly advanced technology, from approximately 1990 to 1999.

At Energy, Nozette held a special security clearance equivalent to the Defense Department's top secret and "critical nuclear weapon design information" clearances. DOE clearances apply to access to information specifically relating to atomic or nuclear-related materials.

Nozette also held top offices at the Alliance for Competitive Technology, a nonprofit corporation that he organized. Between January 2000 and February 2006, Nozette, through his company, had several agreements to develop advanced technology for the U.S. government.

An affidavit suggests why FBI agents posed as agents of the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad to conduct the sting operation.

Balloon boy charges may not come until next week

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP)—Investigators pored over e-mails, phone records and financial documents from the home of Richard Heene on Monday as they weighed felony charges and sought to determine who else might have helped the alleged balloon-boy hoax get off the ground.

The sheriff's office said its findings will be forwarded to prosecutors next week to decide if Richard and Mayumi Heene should be charged with falsely reporting that their 6-year-old child had drifted away in a large home-built helium balloon to drum up publicity for a reality TV show.

But the investigation could reach beyond the Heenes, possibly into the world of reality-show promotions.

Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden said documents show that a media outlet had agreed to pay the Heenes. Alderden did not name the organization but said it was in an industry that blurs "the line between entertainment and news."

It was not clear whether the deal was signed before or after the alleged hoax, or whether the media outlet was a possible conspirator. If so, the organization could face charges as well.

ACROSS THE NATION

Pot advocates: Looser guidelines leave questions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A new Obama administration policy loosening guidelines on federal prosecution of medical marijuana on Monday signaled to users that they had less to fear from federal agents but still left their suppliers to contend with a tangled mesh of state laws and regulations. The Justice Department told federal prosecutors that targeting people who use or provide medical marijuana in strict compliance with state laws was not a good use of their time. Marijuana advocates and patients called the memo an encouraging step forward from the strict anti-pot policies of the Bush administration. But many worried that the web of laws in the 14 states that allow medical marijuana use could still leave medical marijuana providers vulnerable to prosecution.

Lawyers says arrests coming in UConn stabbing

STORRS, Conn. (AP)—A Bloomfield man will be arrested in the stabbing death of a University of Connecticut football player, his lawyer said Monday night, as police continued to sort out what happened during a fight outside a school-sponsored dance over the weekend. Attorney Deron Freeman declined to identify his client, but says the man and several others got into a fight "with about six" UConn football players early Sunday. Freeman says his client did not stab Jasper Howard, but was present when Howard was mortally wounded. Freeman said police searched his client's home in Bloomfield and removed some items. Freeman said police told him that his client and others will be arrested.

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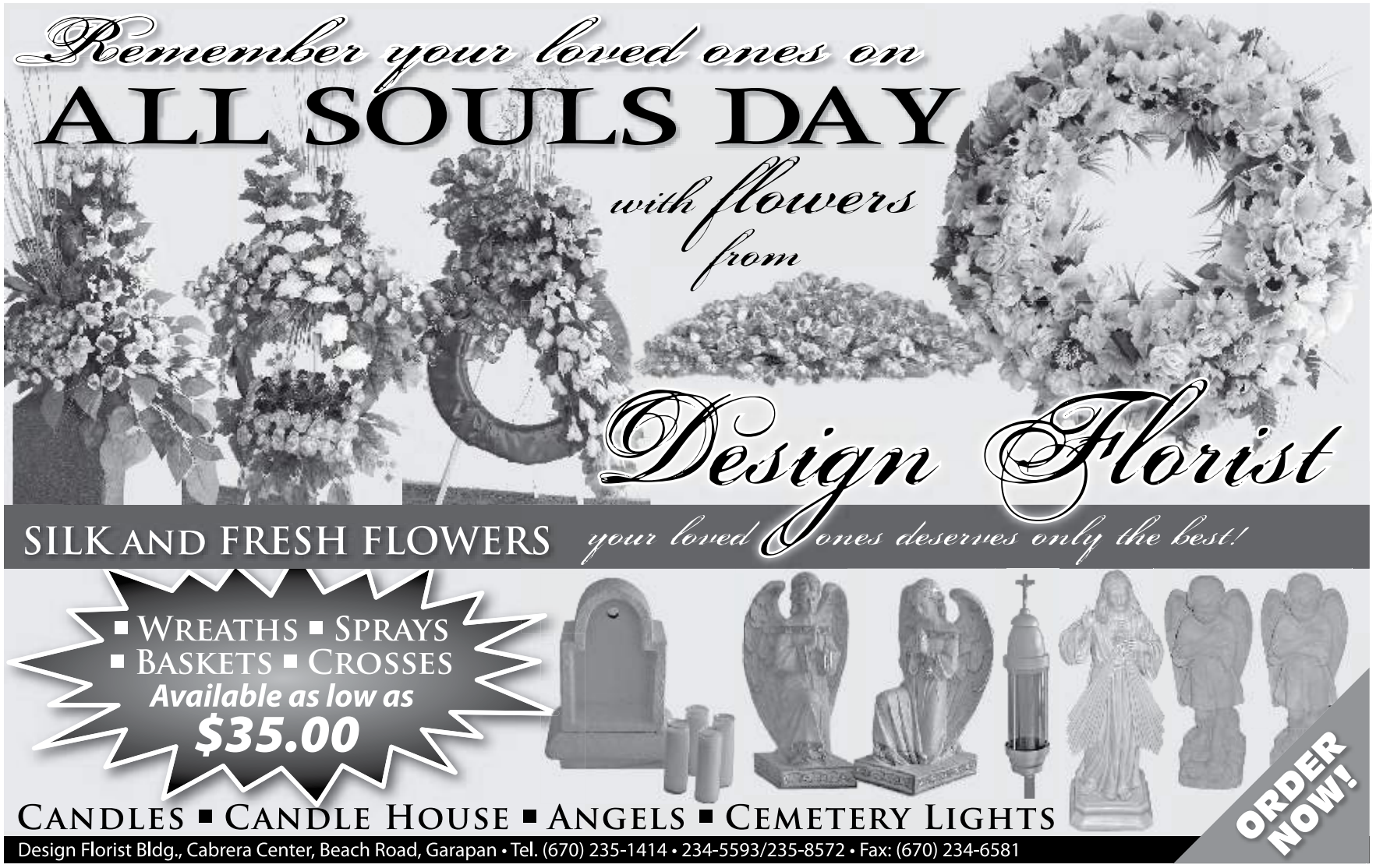
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World

Pakistan army chief asks tribe to back offensive

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan's army chief has appealed to members of a major tribe linked to the Taliban to support an offensive against the insurgents, a move aimed at further isolating an enemy blamed for a wave of bloodshed in the nuclear-armed, U.S.-allied nation.

The Pakistani military's operation against the Pakistani Taliban in South Waziristan is considered its most critical fight against Islamist extremists threatening its stability, and its strategy involves convincing other warlords and tribes in the region to stand aside during the fight, even if they are involved in anti-U.S. activities in Afghanistan.

Army chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani's letter—dropped as leaflets from the air in South Waziristan—was addressed to the Mehsud tribe, whose members populate the top ranks of the Pakistani Taliban, a group bent on overthrowing the central government.

The Mehsuds are a huge tribe with several subsections. Many members live far from the tribal badlands, and are involved in a range of professions and businesses. The tribe dominates Pakistan's transport sector.

The Pakistani Taliban chief is Hakimullah Mehsud, a main target of the offensive.

The Taliban have killed hundreds of tribal elders throughout the Afghan border region to undermine the age-old administrative system there and solidify control. Loyalties run deep among tribesmen, and codes of honor prevent them from informing on each other, even if one is suspected of anti-government activity.

Kayani described the Mehsuds as courageous, loyal Pakistanis, urging them to "rise collectively" against militants in their midst.

"The ongoing operation by the Pakistani army is not aimed at the patriotic Mehsud tribes," he wrote, according to a version posted on the army's Web site. "Instead the target is for the good-riddance of the Mehsud tribes from the cruel clutches of terrorist elements who have ruined the law and order and peace of this area."

The army also has struck deals to keep two powerful, anti-U.S. tribal chiefs from joining the battle.

WORLD BRIEFS

UN-backed panel confirms massive Afghan fraud

KABUL (AP)—U.N.-backed fraud investigators on Monday threw out nearly a third of President Hamid Karzai's votes from the August election, undercutting his claim of victory and stepping up the pressure for him to accept a runoff. President Barack Obama's administration has been holding off on a decision to send more troops to Afghanistan until a credible government is installed in Kabul. Both U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon signaled on Monday that a resolution was near.

Iran vows reprisals after bombing kills dozens

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran vowed retaliation Monday after accusing Pakistan, the U.S. and Britain of aiding Sunni militants who stunned the Islamic regime with a suicide bombing that killed top Revolutionary Guard commanders and dozens of others. A commentary by the official news agency called on Iranian security forces "to seriously deal with Pakistan once and for all." And President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told his Pakistani counterpart that his nation must hunt down suspected members of Jundallah, or Soldiers of God. "The presence of terrorist elements in Pakistan is not justifiable and the Pakistani government needs to help arrest and punish the criminals as soon as possible," state TV quoted Ahmadinejad as telling President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday.

Prayers offered as typhoon nears Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines put seven northern coastal areas on alert Tuesday for fast-approaching Typhoon Lupit, as the church offered prayers that the storm will spare the battered country still reeling from deadly floods and landslides.

Lupit is forecast to make landfall Thursday in the extreme north of the main island of Luzon with winds of 120 miles (195 kilometers) per hour and gusts of up to 143 mph (230 kph), the weather bureau reported.

The third storm in a month was projected to slice through northeastern Cagayan and neighboring provinces toward the South China Sea, dumping heavy rainfall in and around the mountainous north where mudslides set off by back-to-back storms since Sept. 26 killed more than 850 people.

The government was moving fast to prevent any loss of life this time, stocking up on food and clothes and moving residents out of harm's way.

"These days we no longer have a problem convincing residents to evacuate," said Loreto Espineli, police chief in Benguet province where 300 people died early this month. Village heads were using megaphones to warn about the impending typhoon, and sirens will be sounded once it makes landfall, Espineli told The Associated Press.

"We will force them to leave if they don't want to," he said. "It is easier to evacuate people than to dig for bodies after a mudslide."

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Campus Life

VFW issues patriotic call to students, teachers

When the Veteran of Foreign Wars was founded in 1899, the VFW included educational programs to help students understand America's history, traditions, institutions, civic responsibilities, democracy, flag etiquette and patriotism.

This year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Saipan Post 3457 is once again encouraging CNMI students and teachers to participate in its programs for 2009 -2010: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and the Teachers Award.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

This year's theme is "Does America Still Have Heroes?"

Who can enter: Grades 9 through 12

What do I need to do to enter: Record you original essay 3-5 minutes either on a cassette tape or CD on this year's theme.

PATRIOT'S PEN

This year's theme is "When Is The Right Time To Honor Our Military Heroes?"

Who can enter: Grades 6 through 8

What are the rules? Essay length; 300—400 typewritten words. All essays should be typewritten in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words.

TEACHER AWARD

Who can enter: There are three (3) categories; K-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

Eligibility: Teachers who teach citizenship education at least half of the school day in a classroom environment and promote America's history, traditions and institutions effectively.

How are teachers nominated? Describe you nominee in 350 words or less and why you feel your nominee should be selected.

There are cash awards for the top three placements in each category as well as for the school that produces the top nominee in each category. Winners will advance to the next level, with the top prize for students at the national level set at $10,000 scholarship and the teacher award at $1,000 cash prize.

More information is online at www.vfw.org under "Programs" subtitled

See VFW on next page

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ON THE NET

www.vfw.org

Green Meadow reaps PGFC honors

Students of the Green Meadow School once again shined in the latest edition of the Primary Grade Forensic Conference, held Oct. 10, 2009, at the Dandan Elementary School. The shool's winning students are the following:

K-2 DIVISION (K-5 - 2ND GRADES)

1st Place: Duo A	Alyson Red Camacho & Princess Casey Melchor
1st Place: Reader's Forum B	Aldraine Galang
2nd Place: Duo B	Christian Edward Mendoza & Christian Dean Palattao
2nd Place: Reader's Forum A	Jacob Malonzo
2nd Place: Choral Speaking A	Kristina Jane Crisostomo, Chelsea Garcia, Mikee Mame Mendoza, Miles Gregory Navarro
3rd Place: Choral Speaking A	Morgiana Alepuyo, Joshua Alfred, Jody Coloma, Rayven Daca, Naveen Lucenara
3rd Place: H. I.	Kimvherly Dela Cruz
3rd Place: D. I.	Joshua Alfred
4th Place: D. I.	Christian Dean Palattao
4th Place: Duo B	Ian Willard Ranin & Alexandra Belle Dalusung
4th Place: Duo A	Angel Mae & Oropesa & Natalie Jane Hirsbein

3-5 DIVISION (3RD- 5TH GRADES)

1st Place: D. I.	Ma. Theresa Dalusong
1st Place: Choral Speaking A	Chekaina Viel Coloma,, Mary Grace Briones, Monica Aira Usi
1st Place: Choral Speaking B	Pionnah Rosej Gregorio, Ryan Louis Divino, Franchesca Del Pilar, Anniea Sofia Saturno
2nd Place: Duo B	Ryan Louis Divino & Anniea Sofia Saturno
2nd Place: Humorous Interpretation	Robin Matthew Reyes
2nd Place: Reader's Forum F	Franchesca Sophia Del Pilar
2nd Place: Impromptu A	Amelito Dalusong
2nd Place: Choral Speaking B	Ma Fatima Briones, Danielle Coloma, Ma. Theresa Dalusong, Angela Reganit
2nd Place: Reader's Forum E	Ma. Fatima Briones
3rd Place: Reader's Forum F	Tianna Thalia Villagomez
3rd Place: Duo A	Andrea Monique Agtarap & Gabrielle Shanikka Flores
3rd Place: Choral Speaking A	Amelito Dalusong Jr., Ezekiel Alfred, Keandre Deseo, Joshua Saturno
4th Place: H. I. A	Joshua Saturno
4th Place: D.I.A	Chekaina Coloma
4th Place: Duo A	Piolo Gregorio & Zamuel Alfred
4th Place: Impromptu	Keandre Deseo
4th Place: Reader's Forum E	Angela Reganit
4th Place: Reader's Forum B	Mary Grace Briones
5th Place: H.I. A	Angel Sean Legaspi
5th Place: Reader's Forum D	Zamuel Alfred

COACHES:

K5: Ms. Sony Natividad
1st Grade: Ms. Leonor Marfil
2nd Grade: Ms Marilyn Divino
3rd Grade: Ms. Eleonor Alejo
5th Grade: Mr. Cenon Ayuman

PGFC coordinators: Ms. Eleonor Alejo and Ms. Moody Binuya

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'A GREAT JOB!'

Saipan American Education Foundation teachers and coaches pose with SAEF students who participated in the recent Primary Grades Forensic Conference competition held at Dandan Elementary School. SAEF's management expresses its appreciation to all students, teachers, and parents for their time, dedication, and hard work for the competition. SAEF students "did a great job" in the event.

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FINAL NOTICE ON BOND CLAIMS ALL LABOR AND CONSOLIDATED AGENCY CASES All Years

October 14, 2009, first notice
October 21, 2009, second notice

COMPLAINANTS WHOSE ADMINISTRATIVE AWARDS HAVE NOT BEEN PAID:

Any complainant who was awarded money damages in a labor case or a consolidated agency case who has not been paid in full and **who has not previously registered** a bond claim with the Labor Department or **who does not have a court case pending** on a bond claim should register with the Labor Department. Please come to the Complaint Intake Section, Department of Labor, and fill out a declaration affirming that payment has not been made. Please bring a copy of the administrative order in your case and your entry permit card. A complainant who has not been paid has **until October 30, 2009** to report to the Complaint Intake Section.

If you have previously registered your bond claim with the Complaint Intake Section, your bond claim is being processed and you do not need to register again. The Department has published several notices with respect to groups of bond claims in order to process these claims in an efficient manner.

If you have filed a court case with respect to your bond claim, your claim is being processed by the court and the Department will not accept any registration.

If you previously registered your bond claim with the federal ombudsman, and you have not registered with the Labor Department, you need to register again with the Labor Department.

Not all awards in labor cases or consolidated agency cases are covered by bonds. Some awards are only partially covered because the terms of most labor bonds are limited to three months' wages and a set amount for medical expenses or repatriation tickets. The terms of labor bonds assume that foreign workers will file their claims promptly and will not let wage claims of more than three months accumulate. Some awards are not covered by a labor bond at all. Some employment was illegal because the employer never completed the Labor Department requirements and never supplied a bond. However, all unpaid awards from the Hearing Office should be registered and the Department will process all registered claims.

If you have questions about registering a bond claim, please call Renita Camacho, who is in charge of the Complaint Intake Office, at: 236-0958/7/6.

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NOTICE OF PICK-UP SCHEDULE FOR THE TRANSITION CONDITIONAL PERMIT: GROUP I (UMBRELLA PERMIT)

Foreign workers with currently valid permits who wish to obtain an Umbrella Permit must appear at the old Halinas Kitchen Restaurant on the first floor (below Department of Labor) of Afetna Square Building in San Antonio to pick up their Transition Conditional (Umbrella) permits on this schedule. If your LAST NAME, your family names, begins with these letters, please come at these times.

A-B	**OCTOBER 26**
C-D	**OCTOBER 27**
E-F-G-H-I	**OCTOBER 28**
J-K-L	**OCTOBER 29**
M-N-O	**OCTOBER 30**
P-Q-R	**NOVEMBER 2**
S-T	**NOVEMBER 3**
U-V-W-X-Y-Z	**NOVEMBER 5**

Please bring your valid Working Permit and Passport as identification.

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER SCHEDULE FOR GROUP II: FOREIGN WORKERS WHOSE PERMITS HAVE EXPIRED OR WHOSE APPLICATIONS ARE IN PROCESS. THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON.

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Golden Harvest International School teachers and administrators pose with the school's winning students who participated in the latest PGFC, held Saturday, Oct. 10,2009, at the Dandan Elementary School.

Golden Harvest hauls PGFC ribbons

Golden Harvest International School once again participated in the latest edition of the Primary Grade Forensic Conference, held Saturday, Oct. 10,2009, at the Dandan Elementary School. Most GHIS participants landed 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th places. Congratulations to the winners and to the dedicated teachers who guided the participants.

Mark Galang, Davean Gonzales

K-2 DIVISION (K-5 TO 2ND GRADE)
Dramatic Interpretation
1st Place: Daphne Cruzat
2nd Place: Faith Bocago
5th Place: Stephen Rem Bartolo
Humorous Interpretation – A
1st Place: John Isaac San Nicolas
Humorous Interpretation – B
1st Place: Raesyl Gerard Solis
2nd Place: Vince Philip Salvador
Duo – A
2nd Place: Kennedy Vila and Davean Gonzales
Duo – B
1st Place: Marione Corpus and Stephen Rem Bartolo
Choral Speaking
1st Place: Sebastian Bernardo, Michelle Leon Guerrero, Kyla Raquel, Teody Valenzuela, Raven John Francisco
4th Place: Kennedy Vila, Aaron Esquivel, Mark Galang, Davean Gonzales

3-5 DIVISION (3RD GRADE)
Readers Forum
1st Place: En Ming Cacdac
Dramatic Interpretation
5th Place: En Ming Cacdac
Duo – B
3rd Place: Allen James Aguilar and Mark Daniel Ibanez
Choral Speaking
2nd Place: Kris Angelo Talens, Mathew Leon Guerrero, Allen James Aguilar, Mark Daniel Ibanez
Coordinator: Ms. Liz Espiritu
Trainers: Imelda Bautista, Riza Pasaylo, Aida Lim, Bona Vargas

VFW

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"VFW Scholarship Programs."

The deadline for these programs is Nov. 1, 2009. Contact Pete Callaghan at 235-4839 (4VFW) after 4pm or e-mail peterc11@yahoo.com; or Mariano Fajardo at 483-2549 or e-mail mariano_Fajardo@yahoo.com should you need additional information.

You can drop entries at the VFW Post 3457 on Beach Road between Gold Beach Hotel and Cabrera's Center, any time after 4pm. ***(VFW)***

NMPASI

NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC.

NMPASI SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT

The Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) is asking the general public for comments about its proposed Statement of Goals & Priorities for fiscal year 2010. The local non-profit organization is applying for grant funds from the U.S **Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), and the Human Resources Services Administration (HRSA), the **U.S. Department of Education (DOE)**/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the **Social Security Administration (SSA)**. In general, NMPASI proposes through each of its respective applications to carry out the following:

STATEMENT OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES
(FY 2010)

"Attention to and Advancing Advocacy into the New Decade"

GOAL 1: To ensure that individuals with disabilities in institutional and/or community settings (1) are not subject to *abuse/neglect*, (2) are *free from discrimination*, (3) are *provided with an appropriate education*, (4) are provided *appropriate health care services*, and (5) are provided with opportunities to make *informed decisions about their lives as independent, contributing members of the community*.

Priority 1.1: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will provide direct representation for program eligible persons with disabilities by conducting intervention strategies of reported cases of abuse and/or neglect to include, but not be limited to, short-term assistance, investigations, technical assistance, administrative remedies, negotiation /mediation, and/or legal remedies;

Priority 1.2: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will *deliver and ensure protection and advocacy services to unserved and underserved* individuals with disabilities in the CNMI.

Priority 1.3: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will conduct and/or facilitate trainings related to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities, to people with disabilities, their families and/or other members of the community;

Priority 1.4: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will disseminate information relating to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities to the community at large via local media and/or other mediums for information dissemination;

Priority 1.5: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will provide Information & Referral and/or Technical Assistance to interested individuals about issues relating to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities in institutional and/or community settings; and

Priority 1.6: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will receive training and education in order *to increase and improve the quality* of protection and advocacy services on behalf of individuals with disabilities in the CNMI.

For comments, please call the NMPASI office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] or 235-7275 [fax] or 235-7278 [tty] or contact us via the internet at www.nmpasi.com

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PRINIPONEN ATKILON TANU PUBLIKU

Guaha priniponen atkilon tanu publiku giya Chalan Kanoa Tanu Numeru 014 H 01, poku mas o`menos Kiñientus Ochentai Ochu (588) metru kuatdrao.

Maseha haye libre muna` halom opiñion pot este na priniponen usun tanu publiku. Siña muna` halom hau sentimientu guato gi kabesanten tanu publiku gi maseha manu na offisinan tanu entre Luta, Tinian yan Saipan. Uttimu haane pot nina` halom opiñion i Nobembre dia 2, 2009.

I para u inatkila este na lugat i kompanian Mike's Manufacturing, Inc., kompania guine giya Marianas. I umiluluye este na kuetpon kompania i sigiente siha: Ji Young Shin, Eun Hie Shin, yan Bo Ok Shin. I offisiat siha: Eun Hie Shin, presidente; So Young Shin-Thouvenin, segundu presidente; Bo Ok Shin, sekretariu/tresurariu.

I man-atkikila para u usa i lugat para sagan kareta yan lokue sumasaonao ayo na fasilidat i humahatme gi tanu publiku. Este na atkilon si Señor Chang Wang Jang i munigosiu yan sumera i kontrata.

I tetminon este na kontrata para bente siñku años (25 years) ya libre lokue i umatkikila umekstende para talu kinse años (15 years) na tiempu.

I atkilon gaige gi monhayan na ripot mafananaan "appraisal", (ininan yan inestudian kuantu baliña i tanu publiku) ni para uma-atkila. I depattamienton tanu taya ha resibi otro propositu pot uson este na tanu publiku. I kopian i maproponen kontråtan atkilon siña machule' gi ofisinan Dipattamenton Tano' Pupbliku Siha, gaige gi sigundo(2nd) bibienda gi as Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; i sigundo(2nd) bibienda gi Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luta; pat i primet(1st) pisu gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

I Dipattamenton Tano' Pupbliku siha ha risibi tåya' na tinahguen propositu siha para i atkilon suheton tåno' pupbliku giya Chalan Kanoa, Saipan.

ARONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALAWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil ye 106 (b) mellól Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap ekke isisiwow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eew falaweer toulap mellól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw Kka Efáng, Marianas.

Toulap kka eyoor mafiyeer reel pomwol akkiloon yeel rebwe afangalong me bwal sángi Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, arong yeel ebwe akkatéwow.

i. Pomwol akkilonul falaweer toulap ye ekke bwáári bwe Lot No. 014 H 01, ebwe yoor 588 sq meters, e lapeló ngáre e ghittiw, elo Elal Ghaloowa Seipél. Tilighiyal bwuley yeel elo Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer toulap ngáre óubwe amweri.

ii. Schóóy Akkiloon nge Mike's Manufacturing, Inc. Corporationul CNMI. Board of Directors llól Corporation yeel nge Ji Young Shin, EUN Hie Shin me Bo Ok Shin.

Samwoolul Cooporation yeel nge Eun Hie Shin, Arúschayúl So Young Shin – Thouvenin. Secretary me Treasurer nge Bo Ok Shin.

iii. Pomwol akkiloon yeel nge sángi yaal aweewe Mr. Chang Whan Jang.

iv. Schóóy akkiloon ebwe yááyá bwuley reel parkingil ghareeta me encroaching building structure.

Tool pomwol akkiloon yeel nge 25 ráágh, me emmwel ebwe bwal sóbwusóbw ngáli 15 ráágh.

Pomwol akkiloonul llól ráágh nge ebwe mwir sángi llapal méél falúw (appraisal value) me bwal millikka e akkayú llól bwuley.

v. Pomwol Akkiloon yeel nge emmwel ebwe bweibwogh me Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap, 2nd floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Bldg. Dandan, Seipél, 2nd floor Bank of Saipan Commercial Bldg, Luuta, me ngáre 1st floor Kings Commercial Bldg. Tchúlúyól.

vi. Ese yoor bwal eew pomwol akkiloon Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap e Amwuschi bwe iye schagh elo Elal Ghaloowa,Seipél.

vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap ebwe bwughi aghiyágh, Mángemáng me aingiing mereer schóókka re tipeli wóól me ngáre mmwal Ariyamoy 2, 2009, mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap mewóól Seipél, Tchúlúyól me Luuta.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot No. 014 H 01, containing an area of approximately 588 square meters, more or less, situated in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Mike's Manufacturing, Inc., a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Ji Young Shin, Eun Hie Shin, and Bo Ok Shin.

The President of the Corporation is Eun Hie Shin. The Vice President is So Young Shin-Thouvenin. The Secretary and Treasurer is Bo Ok Shin.

iii. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Chang Whan Jang.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of maintaining vehicular parking space and an encroaching commercial building structure.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property, including existing structure(s).

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; the 2nd floor of the Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before November 2, 2009 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

Life & Style

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Members of Irish band Boyzone, Ronan Keating, foreground left, Mikey Graham foreground right, Keith Duffy, background left, partially seen, and Shane Lynch background right, carry the coffin of fellow band member Stephen Gately from St. Laurence O'Toole Church, after the funeral service, in Dublin, Ireland, Saturday Oct. 17, 2009.

Singer death column sparks Twitter rage

LONDON (AP)—Britain's press watchdog said Monday it had received a record 21,000 complaints about a newspaper column on the death of Boyzone singer Stephen Gately after critics used Twitter to brand the article homophobic and insensitive.

Gately died Oct. 10, aged 33, while vacationing on the Spanish island of Mallorca. An autopsy found he had died of natural causes from pulmonary edema, or fluid in the lungs.

Daily Mail columnist Jan Moir wrote in a column Friday that Gately's death was "not, by any yardstick, a natural one" and said he died in "sleazy" circumstances, She noted that Gately, who came out publicly as gay in 1999, had been to a bar and invited a young Bulgarian man back to his apartment the night before he died.

Moir concluded that "under the carapace of glittering, hedonistic celebrity, the ooze of a very different and more dangerous lifestyle has seeped out for all to see."

Anger at the column swept social networking site Twitter soon after Moir's piece appeared on the paper's Web site. Actor Stephen Fry urged his 860,000 Twitter followers to contact the Press Complaints Commission. Other prominent Tweeters followed suit, and provided links to the commission's Web site.

Advertisers including retail chain Marks and Spencer asked to have their ads removed from the Mail Web page carrying Moir's column.

In a blog post Monday, Fry called Moir's column an "epically ill-judged piece of gutter journalism."

Moir defended her article, claiming suggestions of homophobia were "mischievous" and suggesting the backlash was a "heavily orchestrated Internet campaign."

The commission said Monday it had received "by far the highest number of complaints ever" about a single article. It said it would write to the newspaper seeking a response before deciding whether to take further action.

Irish boy band Boyzone sold millions of albums in the 1990s and had six British No. 1 singles, including "All That I Need" and a cover of the Bee Gees' "Words."

Under the British media's self-regulatory system, newspapers are bound to adhere to the commission's code of practice, which includes commitments to accuracy, respect for privacy and avoiding "pejorative reference" to an individual's race, color, religion or disability.

Vic Mizzy, who wrote 'Addams Family' theme, dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Vic Mizzy, a songwriter who composed the catchy themes for the 1960s sit-coms "The Addams Family" and "Green Acres," has died. He was 93.

Mizzy died Saturday at his home in Bel Air, his manager Jonathan Wolfson said. He said he didn't know the cause of death.

He wrote songs that were recorded by Dean Martin, Doris Day, Perry Como and Billie Holiday in the '40s and '50s. His hits included "Pretty Kitty Blue Eyes," "My Dreams are Getting Better All the Time," and "With a Hey and a Hi and a Ho-Ho-Ho."

But his most famous work was the theme to "The Addams Family," a tune accented by finger snaps and opening with the cleverly quirky lyrics: "They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky, they're altogether ooky: the Addams family."

Mizzy sang the song himself and overdubbed it three times to give the impression of multiple vocalists. He also directed the title sequence where he asked actors who played members of the Addams family to snap their fingers in a bored way.

Death and Funeral Announcement
SKIIS YOBEI
Born to Life: Dec. 20, 1960
Eternal Rest: Oct. 10, 2009
Nightly prayers will be held on October 21, 2009 to October 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm, at the residence of Poland Masaharu in As Lito.
On October 24, 2009, public viewing will begin at 8:00 am and will end at 1:00 pm at Cabrera Funeral Home, followed by burial service at Tanapag Cemetery.
Please join us in prayers.
The Family

Feds worried about Blagojevich TV appearance

CHICAGO (AP)—Prosecutors said Monday they are worried about what ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich might say on Donald Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" TV show that could taint the jury pool for his federal corruption trial.

The show is likely to air just as jurors are being qualified for the trial, which is scheduled to start June 3, and anything Blagojevich might say about the evidence could cause complications, prosecutors told U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel.

Blagojevich has "repeatedly commented on the evidence" in appearances on TV and radio shows in the months since he was indicted on charges of scheming to trade or sell President Obama's former U.S. Senate seat, Assistant U.S. Attorney Reid Schar told Zagel. Prosecutors did not ask Zagel to bar Blagojevich from going on the show.

The judge said he was similarly concerned and told Blagojevich's attorneys to work out an agreement with prosecutors that would allow Blagojevich to appear on the show but prevent the sort of remarks that might cause concern. He said he wanted the sides to show him their agreement once it's completed.

Public statements by defendants about criminal charges they are facing could "create a certain amount of jeopardy for the defendant," Zagel said. Such remarks could also create "a problem that would cause me to have to make difficult judgments," such as how far the government could go in introducing evidence to balance what the jury might have heard on the television show, he said.

Defense attorney Samuel E. Adam told reporters after court it would be unfair to block Blagojevich from proclaiming his innocence in public. He said U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald used such strong language in announcing the indictment that the jury pool was already effectively tainted.

Fitzgerald said at a news conference after the indictment was returned that Blagojevich's crimes would make "Lincoln roll over in his grave."

Blagojevich, who did not attend the hearing, was in New York last week as taping for the show got under way. The show is due to air in March.

Blagojevich was impeached and kicked out of office after he was accused of trying to sell or trade President Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat. He has denied wrongdoing, and pleaded not guilty to the corruption charges against him.

D'oh! Bash marks 'The Simpsons' 20th anniversary

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Forget red. The arrivals-line carpet leading into Barker Hangar was yellow—appropriate, given the night's honorees: Homer, Bart, Lisa, Marge and Maggie Simpson, all on hand to celebrate 20 years of "The Simpsons." Their series is the longest-running American sitcom, the longest-running American animated program, and it recently surpassed "Gunsmoke" as the longest-running American primetime scripted entertainment program.

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Matt Groening, center, is flanked by people costumed as, from left, Homer Simpson, Bart Simpson,Lisa Simpson, Marge Simpson holding Maggie Simpson arrive at The Simpsons Treehouse of Horror XX & 20th Anniversary Party in the Barker Hangar on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, in Santa Monica, CA.

"You know, it's really weird," noted Simpsons creator and series executive producer Matt Groening. "I mean, I thought the show would be successful. But the fact that we're still standing here some 20 years later and talking about it is very peculiar. But very happy."

Brace yourself for another "Simpsons" milestone, as matriarch Marge Simpson appears on the cover of November's Playboy, as well as in a three-page spread for the adult magazine.

"Well, I talked to Marge today," said Al Jean, "The Simpsons" executive producer. "She's a little embarrassed. She wanted people to know the photo is Photoshopped. It's really the body of Wilma Flintstone."

The carpet was crammed with guest stars who've lent their voices to "Simpsons" episodes, including Robert Englund, the actor best known for playing Freddy Kreuger in the "Nightmare on Elm Street" movies, and one who appears eager to see more of Mrs. Simpson. "Marge is hot—big hair and all," he confessed. "And I've loved (actor) Julie Kavner (who supplies the voice of Marge) since 'Rhoda.' So, I'm glad some manifestation of her is getting to finally show it off."

"It is hilarious," added "Star Trek" actor George Takei. "(The Playboy spread) is the kind of thing that makes 'The Simpsons' a perennial. It's going to live long and prosper," he continued, laughing.

Some reporters along the yellow carpet couldn't resist drawing comparisons between "The Simpsons" precocious Bart Simpson and the so-called "Balloon Boy," a 6-year-old who was said to be hiding in the rafters of his family's garage following reports Thursday that he was flying over the plains of Colorado in a giant, homemade helium balloon.

Authorities said Sunday that the story was a hoax concocted to land a reality television show, and the boy's parents, Richard and Mayumi Heene, will likely face felony charges.

"Such a perfect 'Simpsons' episode," commented documentarian Morgan Spurlock, who serves as director of "The Simpsons 20th Anniversary Special in 3-D on Ice," which will air in January. "All of that playing out in real time was so unbelievable. But it's America. It was American news at its best. We run with something without having all the facts. We turn it into a big lead story. That's what it's all about."

Beyonce delays Malaysia show amid Muslim criticism

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—R&B star Beyonce Knowles has postponed a planned concert in Malaysia, the event's organizer said Monday, following accusations by Islamic conservatives that the show would be immoral.

Knowles, known for her provocative clothes and choreography, had been scheduled to perform at a Kuala Lumpur stadium Oct. 25. The show "has been postponed to a future date to be announced shortly," Malaysian entertainment company Marctensia said in a statement.

"The postponement is solely (the) decision of the artist and has nothing to do with other external reasons," the statement said.

A Marctensia representative declined to say whether the decision was prompted by criticism from the Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party, the country's largest opposition group, which has called for the show to be scrapped because it would promote "Western sexy performances."

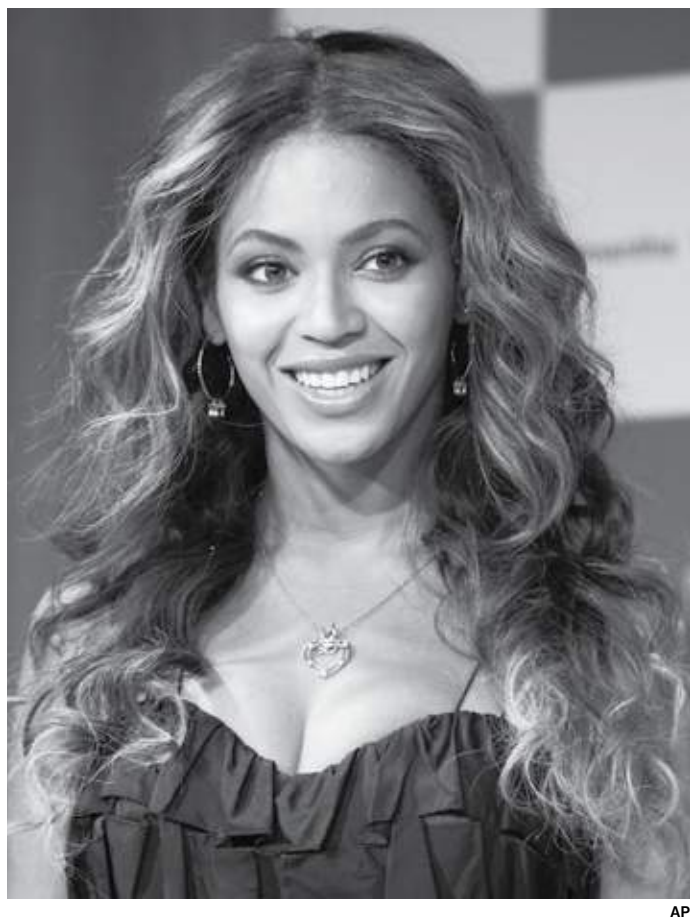
Knowles also canceled a planned performance in Malaysia in 2007 following protest threats by the opposition Islamic party. At the time, her talent agency said the show was called off due to a scheduling conflict.

Instead, Knowles went to Indonesia, also a largely Muslim country, which has less stringent rules about how performers should dress and behave. Female artists at Malaysian concerts are required by government rules to cover up from the shoulders to knees, with no cleavage showing.

Last month, Marctensia addressed concerns that Knowles might wear inappropriate outfits, saying "all parties have come to an amicable understanding" about stage costumes.

Other female pop stars such as Avril Lavigne and Gwen Stefani have performed in Malaysia despite similar protest threats by conservative Muslims. Both singers wore clothes that revealed little skin.

Some entertainment industry officials say the strict regulations and frequent controversies have discouraged many international artists from visiting Malaysia.



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Beyonce smiles during a special reception by Japanese bag maker Samantha Thavasa in Tokyo, Japan, Friday, Oct. 16, 2009.

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In this May 4, 2009 file photo, Kanye West arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute Gala benefit in New York.

West exorcises demon in new Spike Jonze clip

NEW YORK (AP)—Is Kanye West getting rid of some of his demons? That seems to be the message of his latest project—an 11-minute short film directed by Spike Jonze (JOHNZ').

The beleaguered rapper debuted the clip on his Web site Monday but later took it down. In it, West is shown acting drunk and obnoxious, and at the end of it, he stabs himself with a sword and pulls what appears to be a little demon out of his stomach. He then gives the demon a sword, and it stabs itself.

Phil Collins not pounding the skins

HAMBURG (AP)—Phil Collins is drumming no more, for now.

The former singer and drummer for Genesis told a German newspaper that since he had surgery in April to repair a dislocated vertebra in his neck, he doesn't have feeling in his fingers and isn't able to pick up his sticks.

The 58-year-old musician was quoted by Hamburger Abendblatt on Monday as saying the only way he could drum is if he were to "glue drumsticks to my hands."

But that's not stopped his recording aspirations. He told the newspaper he plans a new CD that will feature covers of 30 songs from the Motown label in 2010.

"I want the songs to sound exactly like the originals," the paper quoted him as saying.

Collins, who lives in Switzerland, was in Hamburg to celebrate the first anniversary of the debut of "Tarzan" the musical. The show features music Collins composed for the 1999 animated Disney film, including the Oscar-winning song "You'll Be in My Heart."

Michelle Obama to appear Friday on 'Jay Leno Show'

In this Oct. 15, 2009 file photo, first lady Michelle Obama addresses guests during the Miami Dade College Florida Campus Compact's annual Awards Gala and Luncheon in Miami.

AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—First lady Michelle Obama is going to be serving up answers on "The Jay Leno Show."

NBC said Monday that Mrs. Obama is set to respond to 10 "rapid-fire questions" in a comedy bit with Leno. She'll participate via satellite from Washington.

Leno's Q&A routine with celebrities and newsmakers has featured Justin Timberlake, Sen. John McCain and LeBron James, among others.

The first lady is to appear Friday on "The Jay Leno Show." Colin Firth is the scheduled guest.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Judge refuses to block Chris Rock film

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A federal judge has refused to halt the release of the Chris Rock film "Good Hair." Rock and the film's producers were sued in Los Angeles by documentary filmmaker Regina Kimbell, who claimed the comedian stole several ideas for his film from her work. Kimbell produced the documentary "My Nappy Roots" earlier this decade and says she screened her film for Rock in 2007. U.S. District Judge Dale S. Fischer watched both films and says she didn't see substantial similarities. Kimbell had been seeking an order blocking the film's release. "Good Hair" has been in limited release and will open nationwide Oct. 23. Kimbell and her attorney say they will continue to pursue the case to a trial.

Colombian mayor cancels Calle 13 show over T-shirt

BOGOTA (AP)—The mayor of a Colombian provincial capital says he's canceling a January concert by the Puerto Rican band Calle 13 over a T-shirt worn by its lead singer. Mayor Juan Manuel Llano of Manizales said Monday that Rene Perez, or "Residente," insulted Colombian President Alvaro Uribe with the shirt he had on during the MTV Latino Awards show last week. The black-and-white shirt's double-entendre could be taken as criticism of Uribe over a deal to allow U.S. bases in Colombia, and as a suggestion the president has ties to illegal far-right militias. A representative of Calle 13 and the production company Arco Publicidad did not immediately respond. It was the second time in three days that a mayor upset by Perez canceled an event by the Grammy-winning Calle 13. On Saturday, the mayor of San Juan, Puerto Rico, nixed a Halloween concert in the U.S. island's capital over Perez's comments during the MTV show insulting the territory's governor for laying off state workers.

Friend involved with married man will have to go it alone

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My best friend "Jenny's" husband died four years ago. They had been married 28 years, and she has grieved hard for him. She has been looking for a relationship because she wants a man in her life.

Three months ago, she ran into a married man she knew through her former job. (I'll call him "George.") They were casual acquaintances, but when George learned she was a widow he immediately asked for her phone number. He called the next day, they talked, he visited her at her home, and they had unprotected sex. They now see each other once or twice a week and have sex. That's all they do. Jenny says she's in love with him. She talks about him constantly and says she's very happy.

My husband and I were at a club the other night and saw George in the company of another woman. I haven't told Jenny because she doesn't want to be told if her man is cheating on her. She says that what she doesn't know won't hurt her. I disagree. If he's having unprotected sex with her, it's probably the same with the other woman. George appears to be a player and Jenny has blinders on. I'm worried about her.

I don't want to ruin our friendship. We love each other like sisters. But I hate seeing her used like this. What should I do? My husband says leave it alone—she'll find out anyway.

DISMAYED IN DALLAS

DEAR DISMAYED: When someone tells you she doesn't want to know if her man is cheating on her and what she doesn't know won't hurt her, take it from me, she already knows he probably is. And by the way, George isn't "her" man—he is his wife's man. How do you know he wasn't with his wife that night at the club?

You may love Jenny like a sister, but you can't save her. Your husband is right. Leave it alone.

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DEAR ABBY: I work for a small company where I'm one of 12 employees under one manager. My boss, "Debbie," is having problems at home. Almost daily, she brings her not-so-sunny outlook to the office and proceeds to drag everyone else down.

Any time a colleague has something positive to share, Debbie finds a way to negate it. If someone mentions it's nice weather, she'll complain about how much yard work she needs to do and the disastrous effects of global warming. She even complained that a pregnant co-worker's impending maternity leave will be "inconvenient."

The woman thrives on negativity, chaos and stress. She even complains about happy times of the year like summer vacations and holidays because we tend to be busier. (Isn't that a good thing considering the economic climate?)

Our office is small, so there's no escaping her. If she's not complaining to us, she's telling the same sob stories to a client on the phone. What can my co-workers and I do to keep from being dragged down with her?

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DEAR WORKING: You and your co-workers should talk to your employer as a group because "Debbie's" behavior is neither professional nor conducive to a healthy working environment. Your boss should also be told that she is sharing her "sob stories" with clients, because it could cost him business.

Debbie may or may not need psychological counseling, but she definitely needs to be "counseled" about leaving her personal problems at the door when she enters the work environment. And the person to stress that to her is HER boss.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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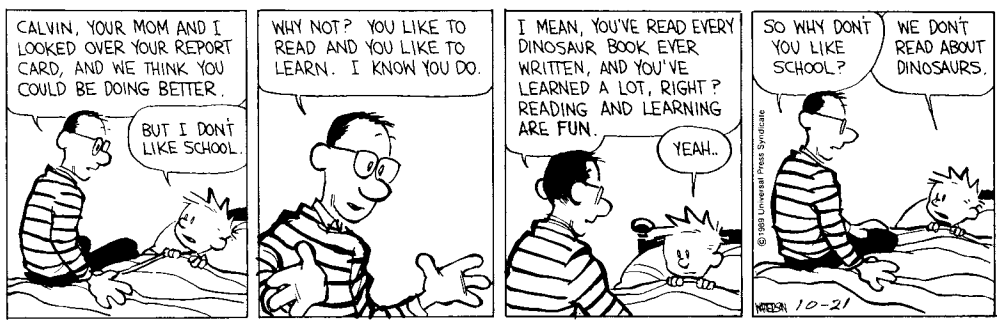
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


CALVIN, YOUR MOM AND I LOOKED OVER YOUR REPORT CARD, AND WE THINK YOU COULD BE DOING BETTER.
BUT I DON'T LIKE SCHOOL.
WHY NOT? YOU LIKE TO READ AND YOU LIKE TO LEARN. I KNOW YOU DO.
I MEAN, YOU'VE READ EVERY DINOSAUR BOOK EVER WRITTEN, AND YOU'VE LEARNED A LOT, RIGHT? READING AND LEARNING ARE FUN.
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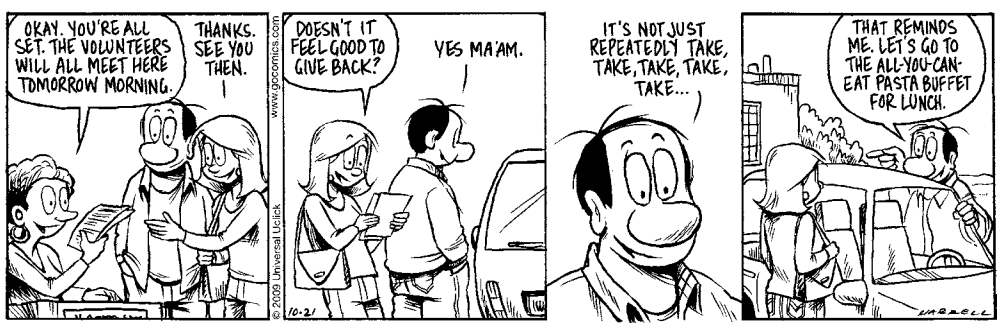
OKAY. YOU'RE ALL SET. THE VOLUNTEERS WILL ALL MEET HERE TOMORROW MORNING.
THANKS. SEE YOU THEN.
DOESN'T IT FEEL GOOD TO GIVE BACK?
YES MA'AM.
IT'S NOT JUST REPEATEDLY TAKE, TAKE, TAKE, TAKE, TAKE...
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By Glenn McCoy

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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Unruly bunch
4 Min. fraction
7 Bear lair
8 Parishioner's donation
10 November birthstone
11 Shocked
13 He played Paul Drake on "Perry Mason"
16 Common bill
17 Resigns
18 Participated in track
19 — and void
20 Mineral in sheets
21 Filled fully
23 Disinclined
25 "Sultan of Swat"
26 Undulating
27 Superlative suffix
28 Artless
30 Knock
33 Fictional sleuth, anagram of 13-Across
36 Polar peak
37 Boring tool
38 States with certainty
39 Gunky stuff
40 NYC transit letters
41 Golf prop

DOWN
1 Syrup flavor
2 Elliptical
3 Game like pinochle
4 Vision
5 Community spirit
6 Fellow
7 Nickel, e.g.
8 Language of Sri Lanka
9 — de corps
10 Pair
12 Instruct
14 "— Lang Syne"
15 Genetic abbr.
19 To the — degree
20 Has permission
21 Cold fish?
22 Theseus' land
23 Volcanic flow
24 Emote
25 Agent, for short
26 Hardly macho men
28 More pleasant
29 In different places
30 Scalawag
31 Dumbstruck
32 Capita lead-in
34 Jeans maker Strauss
35 Entice

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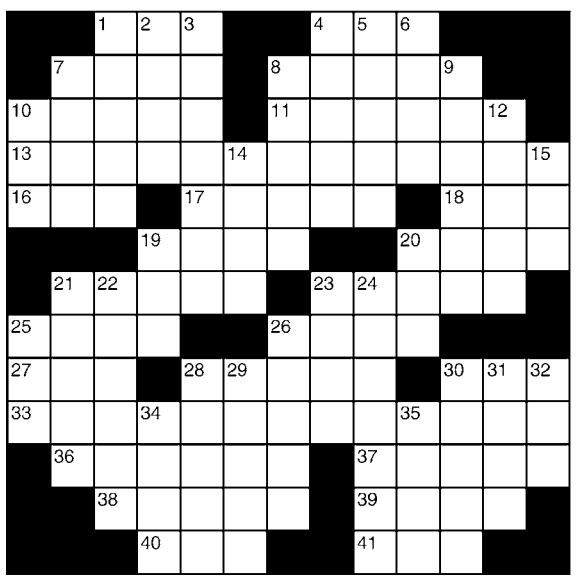

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Happy Birthday: Love, life and happiness will be your goal this year. Take what you have and to make it work better for you. It's a time to get your priorities straight. You've procrastinated enough. It's time to take action. You can turn any negative in your life into a positive by being strong and making it happen. Your numbers are 8, 12, 14, 23, 25, 31, 47

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): A partnership will develop. Communicate openly and honestly and you will get the same in return. A strong bond will lead to a major change in your life or your present location. Make your choices enthusiastically and without hesitation. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You have too much on the line to wait for things and people to come to you. Take charge in order to establish your plans for the future. Someone you used to know will help you out professionally now. Don't hesitate to make the first move. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't bring emotions into the mix. It only stands to reason that if you do something you love, you will do well. Focus on your ability to communicate and put things together for maximum results. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Before you make a move, be sure the people you care about most are in agreement. A job that entails your traveling a distance is heading your way. Look closely before you turn something down that offers a bright future and greater stability. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Socializing, pleasure trips or doing something different with the person you love most will all lead to better companionship and interesting ideas for moneymaking opportunities. Take the initiative. You will attract a lot of attention and develop personal and professional partnerships. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You have to be cautious when dealing with emotional matters. Someone isn't likely to share his or her true feelings. Uncertainty isn't a bad thing if it draws attention to something that needs fixing. Use your imagination. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't give in to someone pressing you to change your ideals or your beliefs. Stand your ground. A creative idea will turn into a trendy venture leading to more money and a lot of fun. Steer clear of negative people. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Procrastination has to stop. Thinking about something or reworking something over and over again will lead nowhere. Action is required. The suggestions offered are probably not in your best interest. Believe in yourself. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You'll be prone to making sudden, unorthodox changes that will confuse the people trying to decipher what you need and want. Stick to your plans or at least let the people affected by your decisions know what you are doing. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You'll have trouble finishing what you start. Expect to face opposition and challenges. Avoid travel when you can communicate just as easily using modern technology. A new slant to an old goal will be lucrative and satisfying. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): The important things in life must be taken care of if you want to find peace of mind and a direction that suits you. Personal papers, your health or legal matters should be dealt with immediately. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): A very private but stimulating partnership is apparent. Socializing with people who share your interests can lead to a new position. Before you travel, make sure you can afford the trip. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intellectual and entertaining, a peacemaker and a passionate, endearing individual. You are receptive to new ideas.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/21

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Civil Action No. 09-0599

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE –NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish too make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Limwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

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Mathis' double in 11th leads Angels past Yanks

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—After 261 minutes, 14 pitchers, six homers and several big blunders all led to a winning hit by a backup catcher, the Los Angeles Angels finally handed the Yankees their first postseason loss in this cuckoo AL championship series.

Jeff Mathis hit a two-out double in the 11th inning to drive home the winning run and the Angels survived a second straight extra-inning thriller, beating the Yankees 5-4 Monday and trimming New York's ALCS lead to 2-1.

Part-time infielder Howie Kendrick homered and tripled before singling with two outs in the 11th. Mathis followed with his drive up against the left-field wall, and Kendrick slid home well ahead of a desperate throw.

Mathis, a .211 hitter in the regular season, came up with his third late-inning, extra-base hit of this outlandish series, just two days after the clubs' 310-minute, 13-inning icy epic in Game 2.

"Obviously, it's the biggest hit of my life," Mathis said. "For Howie to have the at-bat he did right there, and to get on base and put one in the gap to win the game, it's a pretty good feeling."

Game 4 is Tuesday night, with CC Sabathia pitching on three days' rest against Angels newcomer Scott Kazmir. Game 5 in the best-of-seven series is Thursday.

Vladimir Guerrero also homered as the Angels overcame a 3-0 deficit and four solo homers by the Yankees' stars, including Jorge Posada's tying shot in the eighth. Bobby Abreu made a big baserunning mistake, Joba Chamberlain flopped, and Mariano Rivera made a gutsy stand with the bases loaded in the 10th before Kendrick and Mathis made it all academic.

"Man, that was one of the craziest games," said Angels outfielder Torii Hunter, who lamented his 1-for-5 effort. "It was an emotional roller coaster, man. We were up, we were down. I've got a headache right now, but it was a lot of fun. Both teams were battling and we came through in the end. As long as you have innings and outs left, you've got a chance to make something happen."

For the second straight game, the Angels and Yankees played into tense extra innings, stretching nerves and bullpens still frayed from Saturday's marathon New York victory at Yankee Stadium.

AP

Los Angeles Angels' Howie Kendrick (47) celebrates with Erick Aybar (2) after scoring the game-winning run on a double by Jeff Mathis during the 11th inning of Game 3 of the American League Championship baseball series against the New York Yankees Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, in Anaheim, Calif.

"This is the type of series we expected it to be," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We didn't really stretch out any of our pitchers too far today out of the bullpen, so I believe our guys will be fine tomorrow."

Los Angeles wasted a golden opportunity in the 10th after putting runners at the corners with nobody out against Rivera, but the ace closer came through yet again, getting Hunter and Guerrero with the bases loaded.

Fans gathered across the country at Yankee Stadium erupted in cheers when Rivera retired the side—but the Angels came through in the 11th after winner Ervin Santana retired the Yankees.

The winning run came quickly after David Robertson retired the first two Angels in the 11th before giving way to Alfredo Aceves, the Yankees' eighth pitcher. Kendrick singled and Mathis followed with a drive to left-center, hit far too deep to allow a play on the speedy Kendrick.

Mathis, the Angels' surprising slugger, entered Game 3 in the eighth and hit a leadoff double in the 10th.

The Angels ended their six-game ALCS losing streak. The Yankees had been 5-0 in this postseason, starting with a sweep over Minnesota.

Playing in balmy Orange County temperatures after a frigid weekend in the Bronx, the Yankees had a 3-0 lead midway through the fifth on homers by Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and Johnny Damon. Andy Pettitte also appeared to be cruising toward his record 16th career postseason victory, which would have put New York one win from its first World Series in six years.

Instead, Kendrick hit a fifth-inning homer, Guerrero tied it with a two-run shot in the sixth, and Kendrick tripled off Chamberlain before scoring on Maicer Izturis' sacrifice fly in the seventh to put the Angels ahead 4-3.

But Posada tied it again in the eighth with a shot to center off Kevin Jepsen. Jeter stranded two runners to end New York's eighth, and Los Angeles' Abreu was tagged out moments later while retreating to second base after his long double to center.

Only three teams have blown a 2-0 lead in a league championship series, but the 2004 Yankees are in that trio. After taking a 3-0 lead against Boston that infamous fall, the Yankees lost 13 of their next 17 postseason games before winning their first five this year.

Many fans hadn't even settled into their Angel Stadium seats for Game 3 when Jeter ripped Jered Weaver's third pitch into the bullpen beyond the left-field fence. It was the New York captain's third career leadoff homer in the postseason and his 20th overall, third on baseball's career list behind Manny Ramirez and Bernie Williams.

Rodriguez connected in the fourth for his 11th career postseason homer. He already has nine RBIs in these playoffs, a career best.

Damon then found the short right-field porch in the fifth for his first homer since Aug. 30 and his fifth hit in three games since a 1-for-12 effort in the division series. The veteran outfielder hadn't homered in his previous 120 at-bats, and hadn't connected away from homer-haven Yankee Stadium since Aug. 5.

The 37-year-old Pettitte, a mainstay of New York's playoff efforts since 1996, already has made the most postseason starts (37) and pitched the most innings (231) in baseball history. He yielded seven hits and one walk, but Los Angeles' two mid-game homers made him the first Yankees starter to allow more than two runs in this postseason.

Weaver gave up five hits and three walks in five innings, failing to recapture the dominance of his two-hit start against Boston nine days earlier. He hadn't allowed more than two homers in a game since Aug. 2, 2008.

Guerrero, the Angels' long-feared cleanup hitter, had struggled in every big situation during the series, stranding eight runners in Game 2, but his long shot to left was his first playoff homer in five years.

Angels closer Brian Fuentes pitched a hitless ninth, showing no effects from Rodriguez's tying homer in the 11th inning of Game 2. Manager Mike Scioscia ordered an intentional walk for Rodriguez with nobody on base and two outs, a move that paid off when pinch-hitter Jerry Hairston Jr. struck out.

Phils beat Dodgers 5-4 on Rollins' double in 9th

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—They were one out from defeat. A moment later, Jimmy Rollins put the Fightin' Phils within one win of the World Series.

Rollins lined a two-run double with two outs in the ninth inning off All-Star closer Jonathan Broxton and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied past the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4 Monday night for a 3-1 lead in the NL championship series.

The defending champions can earn their second consecutive pennant with a victory at home in Game 5 on Wednesday night. Cole Hamels, last year's NLCS and World Series MVP, will take the mound for the Phillies. Clayton Kershaw or Vicente Padilla will start for Los Angeles.

"This is big," Rollins said. "The pressure's all on them."

Trailing 4-3, the Phillies started their rally with one out in the ninth when pinch-hitter Matt Stairs walked on four pitches against Broxton. Stairs hit a two-run homer off Broxton in Game 4 of the NLCS last year at Dodger Stadium.

Broxton then hit Carlos Ruiz with a pitch, but pinch-hitter Greg Dobbs hit a soft liner to third for the second out.

Rollins, just 3 for 18 in the series to that point, then ripped a 99 mph fastball to right-center and the ball rolled all the way to the wall. Andre Ethier's throw toward the infield was high and off line, and Ruiz slid home without a play.

Rollins pointed in the air as he rounded second and got mobbed by teammates at third base. Even Jamie Moyer, who just had surgery on his lower abdomen, limped out and joined the celebration.

"I'm all right. I had to curl up in the fetal position and throw some punches of my own," Rollins said.

Brad Lidge got two outs in the ninth to earn the win. Ryan Howard hit a two-run homer that gave him eight straight postseason games with at least one RBI, tying Lou Gehrig's major league record set more than seven decades ago.

Matt Kemp had a tiebreaking, solo homer for the Dodgers, and Manny Ramirez made a shoestring catch that prevented the tying run from scoring in the sixth.

Before Rollins' hit, Dodgers relievers hadn't allowed a hit in 3 1-3 innings.

"They're a very tough lineup to go through," Los Angeles manager Joe Torre said. "You try to be careful. He almost dug himself out."

Dodgers starter Randy Wolf pitched 5 1-3 effective innings against his former team while his "Wolf Pack" fan club sat in seats he left for them—and rooted against him.

George Sherrill struck out Howard with two runners on in the eighth and Broxton retired Jayson Werth on a fly ball to end the inning. At that point, Dodgers manager Joe Torre had made all the right moves one day after hearing criticism for starting Hiroki Kuroda in Game 3. Torre let Sherrill face Howard, even though he was 0 for 10 against Broxton.

But Broxton couldn't nail down the four-out save. Now the Dodgers are on the verge of elimination.

Trailing 4-2 in the sixth, the Phillies got within a run on Chase Utley's RBI single. Shane Victorino tripled into the left-field corner as Ramirez nonchalantly chased after it. Victorino scored on Utley's liner to right.

Wolf exited after walking Howard. Ronald Belisario came in to face Werth, who hit a broken-bat fielder's choice to third. Second baseman Ronnie Belliard dropped the ball before he could throw to first for a possible double play.

Hong-Chih Kuo replaced Belisario, and Raul Ibanez lined his first pitch to left. But Ramirez, known more for loafing than sensational grabs, saved the day—momentarily—for the Dodgers. He still was removed for defensive replacement Juan Pierre in the ninth.

It was another brisk night—48 degrees for the first pitch—at Citizens Bank Park. Bundled-up fans kept warm by waving their "Fightin' Phils!" rally towels and screaming "Beat LA! Beat LA!"

They had plenty to cheer early when Howard ripped a 3-1 pitch to the seats in right, giving the Phillies a 2-0 lead in the first. Fans gave Howard a standing ovation and many chanted "M-V-P!" as he came out for the early curtain call.

The streaking slugger has driven in a run in each of the Phillies' eight playoff games this year. Gehrig's streak stretched over two World Series with the New York Yankees in 1928 and 1932.

"I'm just going to go up there and keep throwing my bat at the ball," Howard said.

Royal's TD returns spark Broncos to 34-23 win

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Eddie Royal became the first player in Broncos history to return a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns in the same game, leading undefeated Denver to a wild 34-23 win over the San Diego Chargers on Monday night.

The Broncos didn't get an offensive touchdown until Kyle Orton threw a 19-yard pass to tight end Tony Scheffler late in the third quarter for a 24-23 lead. Denver added a field goal by Matt Prater and a late 5-yard touchdown catch by Brandon Stokley that was upheld on review.

This is the fifth time the Broncos have been 6-0, the first since going 13-0 in 1998 en route to winning their second straight Super Bowl behind John Elway. They opened a 3 1/2-game lead in the AFC West over three-time defending division champion San Diego (2-3).

Denver outside linebacker Elvis Dumervil had two sacks to extend his NFL lead to 10. His second sack caused Philip Rivers to fumble, with Vonnie Holliday recovering to set up Prater's 29-yard field goal. The Broncos sacked Rivers five times, three in the fourth quarter.

Royal is the 11th player in NFL history to return a kickoff and a punt for a touchdown in a game. He had a 93-yard kickoff return and a 71-yard punt return.

"You've got to believe it can happen before you do it," he said. "I've got a lot of faith in the guys in front of me, so I wasn't surprised.

"You want to kind of give a boost to the team on special teams. We were able to do that today."

After the Chargers were forced to settle for a field goal following a sensational drive late in the first quarter, Royal took the kickoff at the 7, found a big hole at about the 35, cut inside of kicker Nate Kaeding at the 50 and raced down the left sideline to give the Broncos a 7-3 lead.

In the second quarter, Royal fielded Mike Scifres' punt on the bounce at the 29, worked his way inside, then outraced the coverage to the outside to give Denver a 17-10 lead.

"Man, it was a great feeling. The guys did a great job of blocking," he said of the second return. "I've got to give them a lot of credit. They opened up the seams and it was a home run."

Royal's electrifying returns at first silenced Qualcomm Stadium, then had Chargers fans booing.

Speedy little Darren Sproles of the Chargers got in on the action when he returned a punt 77 yards for a touchdown for a 20-17 lead that held up at halftime. Sproles caught Brett Kern's punt, ran up the left sideline, got a nice block at about the 50, cut inside and was gone.

Just over a minute earlier Kaeding kicked a 44-yard field goal. On Nov. 11, 2007, Sproles returned a punt and a kickoff for touchdowns in a 23-21 win against Indianapolis.

The Chargers ran 22 plays to only six for the Broncos in the first quarter, in what seemed more like fast-break basketball than football.

Rivers, in fact, was about to be dragged down by Dumervil when he threw a two-handed chest pass to LaDainian Tomlinson for a 21-yard gain on San Diego's second drive.

It was one of four passes by Rivers for at least 13 yards on the drive, which started at the San Diego 6-yard line.

The drive stalled, though, leading to some sideline drama involving Tomlinson.

Tomlinson wasn't on the field on third-and-goal from the 2, when Sproles was stuffed for no gain. Coach Norv Turner had a chagrined look on his face as the Chargers had to settle for Kaeding's 20-yard field goal.

Tomlinson walked down the sideline toward the bench and flipped his helmet. When he and Turner spoke a few minutes later, L.T. didn't appear to be looking at the coach.

Rivers threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Vincent Jackson with 6 seconds left in the first quarter for a 10-7 lead.

The teams wore throwback uniforms, which meant a return of Denver's striped socks. The road combo of white and brown looked like something out of Monty Python.

AP

Denver Broncos' Eddie Royal pushes away San Diego Chargers' Paul Oliver while returning a kickoff 93-yards for a touchdown during the first quarter of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 19, 2009 in San Diego.

Bingo! Lewis takes Redskins play calling from coach Zorn

ASHBURN, Va. (AP)—Bingo! You're not calling plays anymore, Jim Zorn. Sherm Lewis is coming out of retirement to do it for you. With a pained expression, Washington Redskins coach Zorn announced Monday that the front office "strongly suggested" that he yield his play-calling duties to a consultant hired only two weeks ago. While he didn't say he was given an ultimatum, Zorn said he would comply with the request "because I want to stay here and win."

"Sometimes we have to do things that are uncomfortable," Zorn said.

Zorn received the news in a meeting with front office chief Vinny Cerrato at the stadium following Sunday's 14-6 loss to the previously winless Kansas City Chiefs. The Redskins (2-4) are averaging 13.2 points and have failed to score a touchdown in two of their home games.

"The reason I can comply with this is simply because of the lack of scoring," Zorn said. "I want to win, too. If this has to be done this week, if this is going to be the key, I'm certainly willing to give it a try. Because we're 2-4 and to not score in the last few weeks, the way we have not scored, is very frustrating."

Barely a fortnight ago, Lewis was enjoying retirement in Michigan, calling Bingo games at a senior center and delivering Meals on Wheels. He previously spent 22 years as an NFL assistant before retiring after the 2004 season. The Redskins lured him back into football as a consultant for the struggling offense.

And now—Voila!—he's the play caller.

"This is not an easy thing. ... I feel for Sherm because he's been here for two weeks," Zorn said. "We're going to give him as much help as we possibly can to get a spark out of our offense. ... My comfort level is somewhere between one and 10. It's not at 10, but it's something that I'm going to have to grow into."

Several players were taken aback by the notion of trusting such a vital role to someone not yet thoroughly familiar with the roster.

"I don't think it's an ideal situation," quarterback Todd Collins said. "Generally you have some play callers work with a quarterback for years and years. This is going to be a quick change for us, but it seems like drastic measures are called for when we haven't been playing so well on offense."

Receiver Antwaan Randle El called the move to Lewis "a little weird."

"Some guys weren't even kind of sure who he was," Randle El said. "But that's just because they didn't get around and try to talk to him. But again it just kind of goes back to shaking things up."

Zorn noted that the move has the potential to hurt team chemistry.

"The seriousness of the decision to do this is that we lose cohesiveness in our team," Zorn said. "Now where's the cohesiveness in six points a game? See what I mean? So I'm hoping this is a positive."

Lewis will sit in the upstairs coaching box to the call the plays, starting with next Monday night's game against the Philadelphia Eagles. Zorn will relay Lewis' calls to the quarterback. Zorn said he'll retain control over big decisions—such as whether to go on fourth down—but that he won't veto Lewis' play calls.

"I wouldn't do that to Sherm," Zorn said.

The Redskins weren't offering much more insight Monday. Cerrato declined comment through a team spokesman. The spokesman also said Lewis was in meetings and unavailable for comment.

That left Zorn by himself at the podium, looking like a coach twisting in the wind. If the team continues to struggle, a foreseeable next step would be his dismissal, with one of the defensive assistants taking over as head coach and Lewis handling the offense.

Zorn, however, said the season is still salvageable. If nothing else, he should be able to focus more on game management. Wasted timeouts and sloppy two-minute drills have become a mainstay during his 22 games in Washington.

Zorn is the third consecutive Redskins head coach to relinquish play calling because of a stagnant offense, although he's the first to have it essentially stripped by the front office. Steve Spurrier handed the reins to Hue Jackson for a couple of games in 2003, and Joe Gibbs brought in Al Saunders to run the offense after the 2005 season.

For Zorn, the move is a particularly harsh blow because he feels he had a knack for calling plays. The chance to take that role for the first time in the NFL was one reason he relished coming to the Redskins in the first place.

"I'm sure he's not happy with it," Collins said. "He came here and he wanted to call the plays, and now it's taken away from him."

Zorn said he had to do a "soul search" Sunday night before saying yes to Cerrato. Changing the play caller certainly wasn't at the top of his to-do list for the week.

Source: Shock to move to Tulsa

The WNBA's Detroit Shock are moving to Tulsa, Okla., a team official told The Associated Press.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity Monday because he was not authorized to make the announcement.

Detroit made its debut in the league in 1998 and won titles in 2008, 2006 and 2003. The Shock lost last month to the Indiana Fever in the Eastern Conference finals after rallying to earn a playoff spot.

Last week, a group of investors in Tulsa said they would formally apply to the WNBA to purchase a franchise.

Lead investor Bill Cameron has said his group, called Tulsa Pro Hoops LLC, will exercise its option to buy a WNBA team and expected a decision from the league by the end of October with the goal of having a team in Oklahoma next season.

Cameron and fellow investor David Box—both Oklahoma City businessmen—announced last month that former Tulsa and Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson would serve as the WNBA team's coach and general manager if Tulsa landed a franchise.

A spokesman for Cameron and Box said neither one was available for comment Monday but said a news conference was scheduled for Tuesday morning and that "details would be forthcoming then."

Richardson didn't immediately return a phone message left at his Arkansas home.

The Shock had a lot of success on the court, but not in the stands in a state with four major professional teams along with Michigan and Michigan State athletics.

In the 2003 WNBA finals, Detroit did draw 22,076 fans—setting a record for the largest crowd to watch a women's professional basketball game—but most games were sparsely attended with a curtain covering up the upper level of The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Tulsa, with about 385,000 people, would be the second-smallest city with a WNBA franchise—after Uncasville, Conn. The team would play at the BOK Center, which holds about 18,000 and opened last year.

Cameron and Box are members of the ownership group of the Tulsa Talons of arenafootball2. Cameron also is part of the ownership group of the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder.

That group bought the then-Seattle SuperSonics and the WNBA's Seattle Storm in July 2006, but sold the WNBA franchise to Seattle investors before moving the NBA franchise to Oklahoma City last year. The Shock's move would give the state of Oklahoma two professional basketball teams. ***(AP)***

2009 Rocball season starts this Saturday

The 2009 World Organized Rocball Community League starts this Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Marianas High School Gymnasium during the Safe Haven hours from 4pm to 8pm.

The sport's founder Jim Feger said that seven teams have registered to play led by last year's champions, the Islanders.

The other six teams are a mix of veteran and first-year teams made up of high school, college, and community players—Fanians, Ghasias Brothers, No-Name, No-Mercy, and CPC (Carolinaians/Paluan/Chuukese).

This year's games will have the same rules of play as last year's with one exception; it will reinstate the rule of positioning the players of the defensive teams off the serve.

Rocball is the sport that introduced offensive and defensive scoring to this kind of team net sport. Rocball is a sport with multiple points scoring where teams compete in a variation of the side-out volleyball rule of play.

Rocball is the team net sport where the team in service has scoring advantage with set and game closure. Rocball is a sport where a team can be penalized or lose point/s off the serve. A Rocball team cannot win a set or game without the serve and must win the fourth set of a game by defeating its opponents after four sets by total points scored.

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Ben Lisua is seen here going for a kee during the World Organized Rocball Community League early this year at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Rocball is a sport derivative of volleyball with its roots of play founded in the Pre-Columbian, Meso-American sport of Tlachtli. The first team sport to use a rubber ball, it was a sport once played by Aztec warriors. And, the team net sport of Tlachtli is the sport from which basketball and volleyball originated: Tlachtli is the DNA code of volleyball.

Rocball was first written in Ebisu, Japan in 1979. The sport itself went through a two-year experimental period at Hopwood Junior High School from 1981 to 1983. Rocball started being played as a regular sporting activity in 1983.

In an earlier interview, Feger said Rocball is unique because it is the first team net sport to develop offensive and defensive scoring, multiple-point scoring, penalty point scoring, and included goals for scoring in this kind of sport.

Rocball is also the first sport of this kind that developed a scoring system, where a team could win a game by total amount of points scored using a set system of play, according to Feger.

He said outside of Saipan, he has heard reports that Rocball is also being played in India, on the beaches of California, and summer camps in the Midwest. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Pacquiao to earn more than $12M

Veteran referee Bayless gets 'Firepower' assignment

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BOXING

MANILA, Philippines—The Nevada State Athletic Commission appointed Kenny Bayless the referee for the Nov. 14 bout between Filipino ring icon Manny Pacquiao and reigning WBO welterweight champion Miguel Cotto at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

The match could be the biggest money-earning venture of Pacquiao, with the reigning lightweight king expected to earn more than $12 million as he guns for Cotto's belt in a bid to become the first boxer to win titles—including linear ones—in seven different weight classes.

With HBO selling pay-per-views at $54.95 and Top Rank chief Bob Arum earlier predicting that the bout, dubbed "Firepower," will exceed 850,000 buys brought in by Pacquiao's destruction of Briton Ricky Hatton earlier this year, Pacquiao is looking at the biggest paycheck in his career.

Bayless' appointment, meanwhile, ends apprehensions within Team Pacquiao that Joe Cortez had the inside track on the super fight. Pacquiao trainer Freddie Roach had earlier said he was hoping Cortez wouldn't land the job in the bout dubbed "Firepower" because he is Puerto Rican like Cotto.

Bayless had worked three previous Pacquiao fights—all of them victories. The Nevada native was the third man in the ring when Pacquiao knocked out Erik Morales in 10 rounds in 2006. He also officiated Pacquiao's close win over Juan Manuel Marquez in their second bout in 2007 and was the referee when the Filipino sensation knocked Hatton out cold last May.

The NSAC also appointed Dave Moretti, Adelaide Byrd and Duane Ford as judges.

Meanwhile, in Baguio City, Roach has increased the boxer's sparring schedule to nine rounds.

Among those who joined Pacquiao here on Saturday for his fans' day was 8-year-old Arjean Cadias, who is suffering from cancer.

Cadias had a brief chat with Pacquiao, who later signed the boy's slum book.

Arum had earlier told Yahoo! Sports that he expected the Pacman to earn more from PPV buys than he did against Hatton because "I think Cotto, as a great Puerto Rican fighter, brings a larger fan base to the US."

Pacquiao is also getting a bigger split of the pie against Cotto, with reports pegging the percentage as high as 65-35. Pacquiao and Hatton went 50-50 during their bout.

The Pacquiao-Cotto PPV buys are going to be crucial bargaining chips when the Filipino's camp negotiates for a fight against undefeated Floyd Mayweather Jr., according to Golden Boy Promotions CEO Richard Schaefer.

Schaefer told Boxingscene.com that "if Pacquiao-Cotto sells the same amount of homes or more (as Mayweather-Marquez) then we'll have things to discuss."

Mayweather defeated Juan Manuel Marquez last September and was credited as the main draw that resulted in 1 million PPV buys that generated $52 million in PPV revenues.

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back from a loss to Public School System.

Hyatt now holds a 6-1 record, while Tinian absorbed its second loss in seven games. Tinian was awarded its fifth win on Friday as Customs failed to show up for the match.

First Game

CPA-Accounting 82 – Cloud 18, Schuler 18, Diaz 14, Camacho 10, Yangilmao 9, Maratita 7, Aaron 6,

DCCA 58 – Van Buren 22, Iginoef 14, Rasa 13, C. Camacho 5, Rangamar 4

Scoring by quarters: 13-6, 37-22, 53-37, 82-58.

Second Game

Docomo 95 – Bernardo 30, Teregeyo 18, Fitial 12, Villacrusis 10, McCale 10, C. Alvarez 5, Estolas 4, R.alvarez 4, Abuel 2.

Customs 65 – Cepeda 18, Maratita 14, D. Reyes 9, R. Sablan 6, Rosario 6, Ton 4, Tesero 4, Santos 2, Lizama 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-12, 51-31, 73-49, 95-65.

KO'KO'

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gazing at the beautiful ocean during the race," Berger said.

According to the Guam Gatorade Ko'ko' Road Race, "the half marathon course had runners passing scenic ocean views, running on a road only feet from pristine white sandy beaches and sparkling turquoise ocean water."

Berger, who is a veteran of long and middle distance races on Saipan, added she liked the hilly course in the Guam race.

"Someone said the Guam race was hilly, but since I like running at the hills, I prefer the Guam one over the flat races on Saipan," said Berger, who is a two-time winner of the Banzai Off-Road Half Marathon and the Saipan Marathon.

Berger said she worked on her speed for the Guam race, as she knew there will be a lot of fast Japanese runners competing in the event. During the race, she managed to keep pace with Japanese runners in the first few kilometers, before slowing down.

"I should have tried to stay with these Japanese (serious good runners) so that I might be able to gain some techniques from them. They are way much faster than I am," Berger said.

Berger was one of the four Saipan runners who joined the Guam race, which drew almost 400 participants for the individual half marathon event. The three others were Mamiko's husband, Joshua, Matthew Mancao, and Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel.

"I'd like to thank Joshua, Jack, and Matt for their company and support during the race," said Berger, adding that she wants to return to the race next year and hopefully set a new personal best time.

Berger timed in at 1:35:00 in half marathon event in Japan last year and then submitted 1:35:27 in the 2008 Banzai Off Road Half Marathon.

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"Several tournaments on- and off-island will be held in the next three months and we have to prepare our swimmers for these. Tsunami Saipan is committed to make these swimmers tough competitors and the training camp will help them become one," Kimura said.

The first day of the training camp will have the 25 Tsunami Saipan swimmers joining a swim practice at the Kan Pacific Pool from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. After the three-hour practice, they will be treated to a potluck dinner at Marianas Resort, where they will stay overnight.

The next day, swim practice will run from 6:30am to 8:30am. After the training session in the morning, Tsunami Saipan swimmers will take part in the "Happy Halloween Lesson," which the club and American Red Cross will be hosting from 10am to 11am.

Tsunami Saipan will conclude the two-day training camp with a practice session in the afternoon from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Meanwhile, registration for the five-part American Red Cross Swim Lesson is still open.

The first session will be held on Oct. 21 and the last four are set for Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28. All sessions will take place at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Participants will be taught water safety tips and the basic strokes in swimming. A certificate from ARC awaits a participant who will complete the five-weekend course.

Registration fee is $30 per swimmer. For families, second and succeeding members will only pay $25 registration fee.

To register or for more information, contact Yuko Kimura at 989-8425 or via e-mail at tsunamisaipan@yahoo.co.jp.

RGA

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ners in the October Ace and the November qualifier.

The score to beat for the October Ace is net 69, which Ulysis Kapileo set on Oct. 10 at the Talafofo facility. The 22-handicapper was had a consistent game at Kingfisher with his 44 and 45 on the front and back nines, respectively. If Kapileo's net score is unbeaten this Saturday, he will get the October Ace title and qualify for the RGA Club Championship in December.

The would be winner of the November qualifier will set the score to beat for next month's Ace tournament and will move him closer to gaining the 11th slot for the club championship.

Meanwhile, Wabol is calling on RGA members to participate in the Memorial Classic, as proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Tanapag Elementary School. Entrance fee is $80.

The weekend event has a double peoria format with the champion taking home $500. The runner-up will get $400, $300 for third place, $200 for fourth, and $100 apiece for fifth and sixth places. RGA will also give $200 each to the winners in the lowest gross for men and women's division. Cash and gift certificates will also be awarded to skills challenge (holes No. 6 and 15) and closest to the pin winners (holes No. 3, 8, and 12).

The 2009 edition of the annual event is supported by Saipan Shipping, Coral Ocean Point, Bank of Guam, Mc Donald's, First Hawaiian Bank, the Law Office of Colin Thompson, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Aquarius Beach Tower, Pacific Islands Club, Coca-Cola, DFS Saipan, Ed Santos, Ray S. Tenorio, Rep. Tom Tebuteb, and Ben Cabrera.

To register or for more information, contact Wabol at 288-1129 or Tony Rogolifoi at 288-3515.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	163	91
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	114	104
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	93	129

South

Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Houston	3	3	0	.500	143	137
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198

North

Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	118	118
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	140	112
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	69	148

West

Denver	6	0	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	124	136
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	62	139
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	98	144

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

N.Y. Giants	5	1	0	.833	178	119
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	136	99
Washington	2	4	0	.333	79	96

South

New Orleans	5	0	0	1.000	192	93
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	123	77
Carolina	2	3	0	.400	85	125
Tampa Bay	0	6	0	.000	89	168

North

Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	189	121
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	130	93
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	119	99
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188

West

San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	112	92
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	6	0	.000	54	169

Yesterday's Game
Denver 34, San Diego 23

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2009 IT&E Singles and Mixed Doubles Badminton Tournament

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Mixed doubles A third placer Robert Reyes, right, and Anna Rose Omori, second right, pose with NMBA officials Macoi Aguda and Shirley Kim.

Manatsu Omori displays his third place medal in the men's singles C division of the 2009 IT&E Singles and Mixed Doubles Badminton Tournament during the awards ceremony at the Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe.

Youth players of NMBA perform a dance number during the awards ceremony.

Men's singles A champion Macoi Aguda, right, poses with NMBA president Shirley Kim, center, and women's B runner-up Cristy Villaflor.

Men's singles B runner-up Noli Santos is all smiles as he takes his turn at the awards podium.

NMBA president Shirley Kim presents the men's singles C runner-up medal to Ezekiel Macario.

Most improved player awardees Janis Parcon and Andreau Galvez.

Men's singles A runner-up Ferdie Arago shows his prizes.

Mixed doubles C winners Riza Yutuc, second left, and Joey Algenio are joined by NMBA president Shirley Kim and awards ceremony host Hapi Gabriel, right.

Men's singles C champion Rodwealth Espana receives his prizes from NMBA president Shirley Kim.

Mathis' double in 11th leads Angels past Yanks

After 261 minutes, 14 pitchers, six homers and several big blunders all led to a winning hit by a backup catcher, the Los Angeles Angels finally handed the Yankees their first postseason loss in this cuckoo AL championship series. 24

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2009 Rocball season starts this Saturday

The 2009 World Organized Rocball Community League starts this Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Marianas High School Gymnasium during the Safe Haven hours from 4pm to 8pm. 26

CPA-Accounting, Docomo rout foes

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Victory came in handy for CPA-Accounting and NTT Docomo as they routed separate foes in the IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

CPA-Accounting played in the curtain-raiser and whipped the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, 82-58, while NTT Docomo walloped Customs in the second match, 95-65.

Monday night's game was CPA-Accounting's last and the victory allowed the team to sweep its last six games in the regular season. CPA-Accounting finished the round-robin eliminations with a respectable 6-5 record for eighth place in the team standings.

CPA-Accounting held the usually explosive DCCA team to six points in the first period and the former went on cruise control after that. DCCA had limited options on offense, as it played with only six players and missed the services of Peter Camacho.

Kirk Schuler outscored the entire DCCA crew in the first period, tallying seven early points to put CPA-Accounting ahead, 13-6.

Schuler added 11 more points in the second period, while Jeff Cloud began to hit his mark, firing eight to give CPA-Accounting a 37-22 halftime lead.

There was no way DCCA could spark a comeback in the third period, as none of its players made more than two field goals in that canto. When DCCA began to find its offensive rhythm in the fourth period, it was too late, as CPA-Accounting was already way ahead, leading by as much as 25 points.

Schuler and Cloud scored 18 points apiece in CPA's sixth straight win. Ed Diaz contributed 14, while Chris Camacho chipped in 10.

Taj Van Buran paced DCCA with his 22 markers, while Romeo Iginoef and Ponce Rasa added 14 and 13, respectively.

In the second game, NTT Docomo had an 18-2 lead in the first six minutes of the game en route to a 30-point win over Customs.

The victory improved Docomo's record to a 5-3, while the loss dropped Customs to a 1-6 mark.

Kae Bernardo came off the bench for Docomo, but still top-scored for the team with 30 points. Four other Docomo players finished in double figures, as they enjoyed a field day on offense against the sluggish Customs crew. Syl Teregeyo had 18, Kelvin Fitial fired 12, and James Villacrusis and Kevin McCale drilled 10 apiece.

Meanwhile, Hyatt downed Tinian on Saturday, 94-87, to bounce

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Docomo's Cuki Alvarez goes for a layup against Customs' Dennis Reyes during their game in the inter-government/business caging on Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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3-in-1 tourney in RGA Memorial Classic

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Refaluwasch Golf Association will have a 3-in-1 tournament when it hosts the 2009 RGA Memorial Classic this Saturday at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

RGA tournament director Jess Wabol said the Memorial Classic will also serve as the October Ace event and November Ace qualifier. Scores of RGA members competing in the weekend tournament will also be used to determine win-

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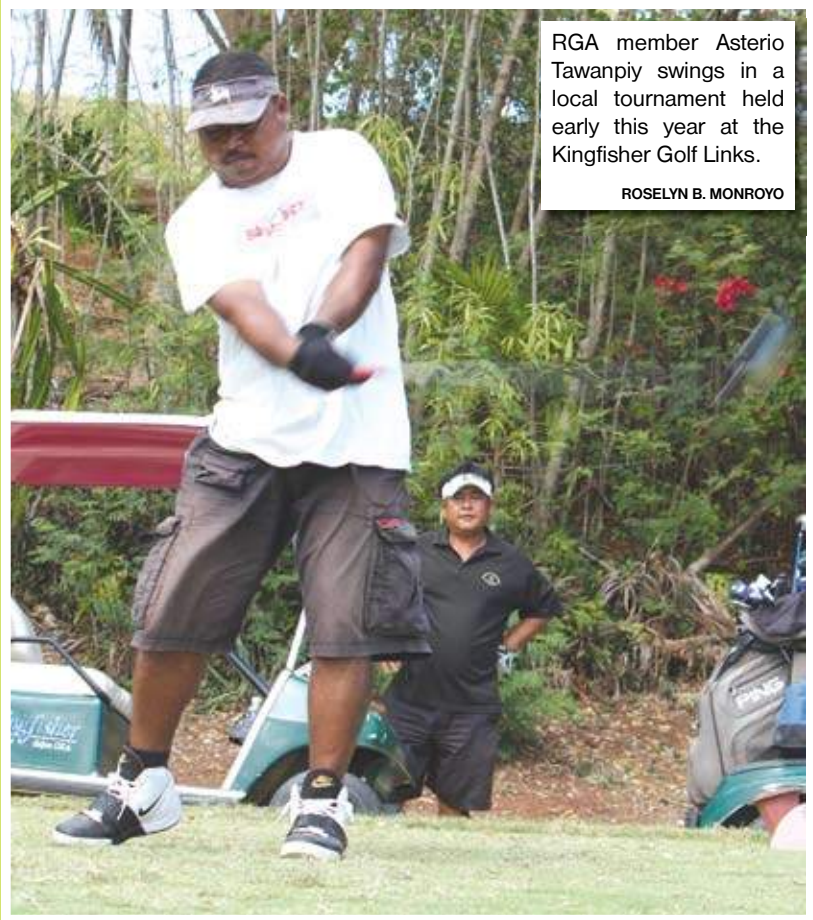

RGA member Asterio Tawanpiy swings in a local tournament held early this year at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

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Ko'ko' race course fits Mamiko

Oshima Berger

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Rookie jitters didn't get the better of first-timer Mamiko Oshima-Berger in the 2009 Guam Gatorade Ko'ko' Road Race last weekend.

"It was a great race, a well-organized one, as I never had troubles running the course," said Berger, who topped the women's sub-masters division after completing the 20-kilometer race in one hour, 38 minutes, and 38 seconds.

The half marathon course began and ended at the Gov. Joseph Flores Memorial Park (Ypao Beach Park) with a hill climb and rolling slopes for the first five kilometers. The next 15 kilometers was relatively flat, as runners cruised the residential village of Tamuning and Marine Corps Drive. The terrain remained level, as runners headed to Hagatna then went to the turnaround point just inside the village of Asan.

"I totally enjoyed running the course I had never seen before. Even though I am an islander and used to running along the beach, I still had a great time

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Tsunami Saipan to hold first training camp

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Two months after kicking off its 2009-2010 season, Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan will hold a fall training camp later this month.

Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said the training camp will be held on Oct. 30 and 31 at the Marianas Resort and Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

The event, according to Kimura, aims to train Tsunami Saipan swimmers harder and instill in them the concept of teamwork and camaraderie.

Of the 55 swimmers in Tsunami Saipan roster, 25 of them will participate in the two-day training camp, with majority of them composed of senior and junior swimmers of the club. Veterans Kai Staal and Shin and Kensuke Kimura are expected to lead participants in the training camp.

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Kai Staal is seen here joining a free style tournament and swimming for Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan, which will hold a training camp later this month.